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Albany looking to underground street utilities

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — With nearly \$1 million of PG&E's money in hand, the City Council last week directed a look at undergrounding utilities on Buchanan Street.

During what Community Development Director Ekem called a "striking opportunity" to beautify the city's western gateway, the council voted 5-0 to begin the process of forming an underground utility district in the area. They also heard objections, most of which were not valid, to the propriety of two council members' representing such projects near their homes based on the fact that they have of late become a rather common topic of discussion in Albany politics: "conflict of interest."

The project, which could end up costing the approximately 42 homeowners in the area up to \$1,500 each to have the new utilities connected to their homes, would be funded by PG&E. Because of the city's Measure R, Albany receives approximately \$100,000 per year to underground utilities.

While Buchanan Street was the avenue of choice for the undergrounding (the last two projects involved Solano Avenue and the area near Memorial Park), the council was some picking and choosing to do as the where the money. Marin Avenue, Pierce Street and the Avenue were also listed as possible project areas.

While the undergrounding along Buchanan will go hand in hand with resurfacing of the roadway slated to begin in 2000. The undergrounding itself will begin in 1998.

While accusations of a conflict of interest have been common as sewer overflows in recent months have been leveled at former Albany Mayor Robert Zweben and, by implication in campaign literature, anyone who lived on Albany Hill and supported Measure R — this time around the conflict was much more tangible.

It turned out, councilmembers Elizabeth Baker and Peggy Thomsen both live in potential project areas, creating an at-times heated discussion which Councilmember Bruce Mast wondered if he had a conflict as well.

Talk of possible conflicts began after Ekem ex-

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Left to right: Jamie Vislocky, Laura Jensen, Jake Fiss-Hobart, and Scott Kagawa.

Party time for Albany's senior services

ALBANY — It's party time! The City of Albany Senior Services is having a party. And we're all invited.

Sunday, March 2 from 2-4 p.m., at the Albany community Center, Marin & Masonic, featuring sounds from the '30s, '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. Music by the Albany Music Booster Band.

\$5 for adults, \$2 for senior, \$2 for students with ID, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are available for purchase. Come dressed from your era: zoot suits, bobby sox, poodle skirts, bell bottoms ...

For further information call 524-9538.

Plaza workshop to address plans

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A community workshop on El Cerrito Plaza is scheduled for this Saturday, March 1, at Fairmont School. Participants will "assist in the site planning process" for the plaza after meeting representatives of Wilton-Terranomics, the selected developer for the shopping center.

In fact, "shopping center" may not be the correct term for the new kind of plaza the development team currently envisions. It's a rather unique concept.

All over California, municipalities and developers are working to revitalize old downtown areas. Wilton-Terranomics initial proposal looks like a plan to turn an existing shopping center into a brand-new downtown, a commercial district with trees, benches and street parking.

In that proposal, Lucky and Long's would be retained and moved to the San Pablo Avenue frontage. As many current small tenants as wish to remain would be retained; several larger stores would be added.

Plaza project manager Bob Lyons said the developers indicated at a Redevelopment Advisory Committee meeting Monday night that they are not interested in "one central tenant" as the major draw to the shopping area. Instead, he expects them to be seeking out "promotional," mid-sized retailers, such as large book stores, bed and bath stores or sports equipment shops of perhaps 20,000 to 30,000 square feet.

Housing, probably to be offered at market rate, would be a part of the project. (Originally, the team had

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Committee takes a close look at plaza

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Advisory Committee met Monday night for a careful look at the site plan proposed for El Cerrito Plaza by Wilton-Terranomics, the chosen developer for the shopping center. Development team representatives were there, gathering input and answering questions and concerns posed by RAC members.

Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft said later the issues raised at the RAC meeting will be incorporated into the presentation the team will make at a community meeting scheduled for

Saturday.

"Committee members shared what they saw as critical issues around the site plan and what they felt the ultimate site plan should focus on," said Raycraft, listing "circulation within the site" and tenant issues among "the more significant concerns" raised.

"The developer and architect came away with that input; they'll take it and fine-tune it," he said. "That will take things to another level by Saturday."

Redevelopment Agency Chair Mae Ritz attended the RAC meet-

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City agencies reorganize

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Mae Ritz is the chair of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. The agency and El Cerrito City Council underwent an official reorganization at a meeting held last Saturday, following a two-day council/agency workshop.

Early this week, Ritz spoke to the council about the new agency structure.

"I think the future of El Cerrito is going to be our major issue," she said. "I am dedicated to doing what I can throughout my term to get things to the point where we have a DDA (Disposition Development Agreement), use the money and are ready to start breaking ground."

There has been talk of "having a sort of an opening by 1999," she said.

"That may be a little ambitious, but we can have a DDA in place by then, as we are looking at now, we can start the use permit process right now, maybe we can start doing things," she said.

"This is something we've talked about in El Cerrito for at least 20 years. We finally have an opportunity to do something at the plaza we are proud of for years to come." She also spoke to the perception of the development plans for the plaza seem to have picked up in the area.

"I think we need to move as fast as we can, as long as we go through the process."

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Anxiety mounting over high school's relocation

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Anxiety over the pending relocation of Albany High School brought a group of concerned parents looking for answers to the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

Answers to the questions of where, when and how the school might be relocated have not yet been finalized, however, as the district waits for engineering reports to come back from the state Office of Regulatory Services.

vices.

The need to possibly relocate the school became apparent last fall when the district learned that its planned modernization and retrofit of the main classroom building and gymnasium would be required to meet 1994 seismic safety standards by the state. That requirement will likely push the project's cost beyond 75 percent of its replacement value, at which point the state mandates that the building be replaced or no work be carried out on it at all.

While the board likely will not have the information to make any

kind of decision until April or May, the district has convened two task force groups to begin studying how and where relocation might occur in time for the opening of next school year.

Boardmember Ed McManus is on the Site Selection Task Force and reported at Tuesday night's meeting that the group has narrowed the choices of where to relocate down to two possible sites — placing portable classrooms on property adjacent to the high school and

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Students will likely be relocated to a temporary campus in September so that the school can be reconstructed.

Albany pondering hill purchases

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The first, informal offer for the purchase of land on Albany Hill is on the table as the City Council continues its closed-door discussions.

The offer, made by Berkeley-based developer Tom Burke, who holds an option on the approximately four-acre Landvest parcel between Jackson and Taft streets, would involve the city paying \$400,000 for the lower half of the property in exchange for allowing him to build 16 homes on the upper portion. The property, a steep, mostly overgrown parcel whose benefit to city residents would be primarily visual, is one of four the

council is looking at.

Among the others: an approximately one-acre parcel at the end of Madison Street, another one-acre parcel at the south end of the Landvest property, and the 11-acre Golden Gate Development property, which stretches from Pierce Street to the publicly-held space at the top of the hill.

The council held a pair of closed-door sessions on the matter during the last two weeks, reviewing their options as they attempt to strike a balance between the desire to buy open space and the amount of funding available through recently-passed Measure R. Measure R, which was approved by just over 60

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City Councilmember Bruce Mast would like to preserve as much open space as possible.

Letters to the Editor

No place for unjust accusations

Editor:
After a lonely year as El Cerrito's sole city council designated "racists" we were most interested in the Feb. 13 *Journal*, with Norman La Force's latest EIR (Egregious Investigation of Racism) report. This time he claims to have unmasked Sewall Glinernick, who manages our Chamber of Commerce. We hope to use the "Tofu twink" epithet to convince our Chinese/Philippine, vegetarian son-in-law to hold back on tofu in favor of real meat. Would you want to be called a "Tofu twink?" But we cannot seriously believe that La Force really thought that was a slur at Asian Americans.

Humor seems banned in El Cerrito. No spoofs are permitted, or understood. Surprisingly, since Mr. La Force is an attorney and presumably used to careful reading, he unfairly attacked Sewall instead of political humorist P. J. O'Rourke, who Sewall quoted. Didn't La Force realize "Tofu twink" is a joking slam at vegetarians and the "Twinkie" defense used in the Harvey Milk murder case?

It makes sense that the Chamber of Commerce favored a Wal-Mart, since it seemed to offer fast relief for the languishing Plaza merchants. Yet it also makes sense that many citizens fear that Wal-Mart would damage El Cerrito in the long run. The Council has a right to weigh the pros and cons and come out against the Bilak/Wal-Mart proposal. What many object to was that the decision appeared rushed and contemptuous, and utilized incomplete and unrealistic financial data. The objections do not make anyone a racist, but unjust accusations make our elected leaders look silly and incompetent. As Jesse Jackson said, "Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together." If our Council cannot do this, we must choose new representatives who can.

Rosemary and Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

Diatribes discredit city

Editor:
I am outraged. With his latest diatribe (*Journal* letters, Feb. 13), Norman La Force extends still further his shameful record of accusing of racism those persons with whom he disagrees about issues related to redevelopment in El Cerrito. In this case, his tortured logic manages to twist the meaning of Sewall Glinernick's phrase "tofu twinks" from its clear meaning as a dig at vegetarians into an insult to Asian Americans. La Force has repeatedly employed this same tactic of distorting an opponent's statement to suit himself, then attacking that statement as somehow constituting racism on his opponent's part. It is a cheap and underhanded lawyer's trick, entirely in character with the character of the man himself. The plain fact is that it is La Force, himself, who insists on injecting race into every debate on every subject with every opponent he faces. By so doing, he brings discredit on himself and, by association, the El Cerrito City Council and the city itself.

I hope El Cerrito's Asian community will see La Force for the cynical opportunist that he appears to be and will reject this man and his politics of division and hatred. I call upon the El Cerrito City Council to censure La Force for his misbehavior and on La Force himself to publicly apologize for his misbehavior. I also demand that the *Journal* withdraw from La Force the privilege of writing the Redevelopment Report column until such time as he has made his public apology.

Honest citizens of good will can, should, and will continue to disagree on issues and philosophies, and to engage each other in vigorous public debate on those topics. What they must not do is stoop to La Force's level by engaging in ad hominem public attacks against each other's motives or integrity. We can and must return to civility in the conduct of El Cerrito's civic business. Our elected officials should lead us there by their example, or they should resign.

Thom Stark
El Cerrito

Coming up with wrong answers

Editor:
An editorial in *The West County Times* of Jan. 31 says that an answer is finally taking shape to the question of what to do about the Plaza. That question is susceptible to many answers, and as always, when confronted with things having to do with wise financial judgment, the five financially-challenged lightweights on the Redevelopment Agency always manage to come up with the wrong answer.

Remember Measure H with its lack of sunset clause, and provision for cost of living increases? Remember the utility tax that the city is still collecting which other jurisdictions have stopped since the Giardino decision? Remember the Target store that may never repay the money it cost the city to complete the project? Remember the storm drain repair money that was used instead to make open creeks of unsurpassed ugliness?

In this situation, the Redevelopment Agency is committing itself to contributing up to \$2.9 million to this project, money it does not have. In fact, the city provides clerical services for the agency at about \$200,000 per year, a debt that the agency is not retiring. The agency presently owes the city about a million dollars for these services and, the amount will continue to grow. In effect, the taxpayers are losing the benefit of whatever amount of increased benefits and services that \$1 million would buy.

The only obvious way the agency can play in this high-stakes game is to borrow the money and pay the interest, further depriving the taxpayers of the benefit of the interest monies paid.

The odor of rat becomes apparent when one considers the manner in which the information the agency claims to be using to select a developer was released. From 3 p.m. Friday to the meeting on the following Monday is insufficient time to read the data and compare the competing plans. Good manners and a decent regard for the citizen-taxpayers, who, it must be remembered, ultimately pay for things in the city, would have allowed for a delay of a few weeks for study. But then, agency members have repeatedly demonstrated a complete lack of both these virtues. This haste was obviously a planned tactic, as was Norman La Force's capricious and arbitrary three-minute limit on comments from the public. "Put-up job" was written all over this decision.

The agency members are following the dictates of their own agenda, an agenda not necessarily shared by all of the taxpayers, and not necessarily to their benefit. Agency members pushed this decision through in a manner to stifle any and all discussion.

The plan proposed by Milton Bilak would have required no funding from the city, would have returned the most revenue, and would have brought the most foot traffic to the Plaza, a benefit to the merchants there who are hanging on by the skin of their teeth. It also would not require the pointless destruction of the Plaza buildings. By opting for the plan proposed by Wilton-Terranomics, the dark specter of bankruptcy will likely hover over City Hall.

It is too bad that El Cerrito citizens are beset by a group who seem to claim god-like powers of judgment, yet have the fiscal acumen of spoiled six-year-olds.

Robert W. Schnelker
El Cerrito

Supports forthright statement

Editor:
I was thrilled and inspired by Councilman Norman La Force's eloquent letter calling for the firing of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's apparently viciously racist officer manager. The Chamber of Commerce, a respectable and responsible organization of business people, cannot afford to be tarred by a racist brush. He must go!

Norman La Force's forthright statement was a uniquely courageous act for a public employee. He deserves the community's gratitude and abiding respect regardless of political or philosophical differences.

Daniel Freudenthal
El Cerrito

A good teaching method

Editor:
I thoroughly enjoyed the article, "Albany students visit the trash 'pit'" in the Feb. 13 *Journal*. What a wonderful way to teach students about the end fruits of our consumer society: taking them to a waste processing facility!

I hope that this idea is built on, so that, as these sixth grade students enter the seventh and eighth grades they are exposed to more complex ideas about conversation. Unfortunately, in our consumer society, we not only don't usually thing about where the articles we dispose of go but

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Police Reports

Driver with outstanding warrants arrested

ALBANY — On the night of Feb. 17 Albany officers contacted a driver of a brown 1979 Chevrolet that had 1997 registration tags. A check revealed the registration had expired in 1995. The driver, a Hayward man, was found to also have six outstanding traffic warrants and a warrant for drug possession from the Alameda County sheriff's office all totaling \$6,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the morning of Feb. 18 Albany officers responded to a restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of two men in their early 20s who had eaten about \$20 worth of food and then left without paying. Officers contacted the two Albany men about a block away. They were arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the afternoon of Feb. 18 the Vice Principal at Albany Middle School called Albany police regarding a 13-year-old student who was in possession of marijuana. The youth was arrested and released to his parents with a notice to appear.

On the evening of Feb. 18 a resident on the 400 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the previous night thieves had broken into his 1996 Toyota Tercel, which was parked in front of his house, and stole the radio.

On the night of Feb. 18 a woman reported that while she was in a store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue a group of males stole a small black purse from her 1989 Pontiac. They drove away in a white car, possibly a Ford Escort. Police are investigating.

At about 11 p.m. on Feb. 18 a resident of a condominium complex on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that when he had

returned home at about 7:30 p.m. that evening he discovered that thieves had stolen his stereo, speakers, and VCR.

On the morning of Feb. 19 an El Cerrito man came to the Albany station to report that a teenage boy had damaged his blue 1995 Ford Aerostar by kicking it. The incident occurred near Dartmouth Street and San Pablo Avenue. Officers contacted the youth, who was also from El Cerrito. He was arrested, cited and released to his parents with a notice to appear.

On the afternoon of Feb. 19 a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that two thieves had stolen candy then departed the store in a blue Camaro. They were gone when officers arrived.

Albany officers stopped a Berkeley man on the 1200 block of Curtis Street for a vehicle code violation on the afternoon of Feb. 21. The driver was found to have an outstanding warrant for possession and failure to appear from UC Police in the amount of \$217. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the morning of Feb. 22 Albany police stopped an Oakland man for a vehicle code violation and a check revealed he had an outstanding warrant from San Francisco for a traffic violation and failure to appear. He was also found to be in possession of cocaine and was arrested. He was transported to the Berkeley station.

On the morning of Feb. 22 the vice principal at Albany Middle School reported that during the night vandals had broken into the school cafeteria. There were no witnesses.

At about 12:35 p.m. on Feb. 22 Albany officers responded to reports of a man causing a distur-

bance in front of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. They contacted a Richmond man who was intoxicated and had a rant from Albany in the amount of \$5,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

On the night of Feb. 22 officers responded to a request for assistance from security Golden Gate Fields stable security officers were holding a sient from Berkeley who had been trespassing and was in possession of burglary tools. He was arrested and released with a notice to appear.

At about 11:45 p.m. on Feb. 22 Albany officers responded to reports of about 25 Asian males were fighting in the parking lot of the Albany Bowl. There were reports of guns being used and being fired. When officers arrived most involved had departed and was transported to the hospital for injuries. Police report they are investigating the incident as possible gang related.

At about 3 p.m. on Feb. 22 Albany officers contacted a year-old Albany man on the block of Ordway Street who was known to have parole violation under a juvenile warrant. He was arrested and transported to Jail Hall.

During the week of Feb. 22 Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request, towed a car, responded to 26 false alarms, intervened or assisted in 11 domestic situations, attended to 101 deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house of car, and responded to reports of barking dogs. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to five reports of fire and 15 medical emergencies.

Kentucky Fried Chicken robbed at gunpoint

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two men robbed KFC at about 9:48 p.m. Feb. 7. The thieves were armed; they forced the restaurant's employees to lay on the ground and one to open the safe. One suspect is described as a black male, 5-feet, 11-inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a blue ski mask and green sweatshirt, the second as a black male, 5-feet, 10-inches tall, 140 pounds, wearing a black sweater, dark pants and a black ski mask.

Pet Food Express was robbed at about 6:40 p.m. Feb. 10. One suspect had a semi-automatic weapon and demanded cash from the register. He is described as a black male, 5-feet, 7-inches tall or 5-feet, 8-inches tall, 160 to 170 pounds, wearing a gray polo shirt, gray baseball cap, blue or gray hooded jacket and baggy blue jeans. A second suspect is also described as a black male of the same height, 150 pounds, wearing a thick black nylon jacket and a black beanie.

An El Cerrito woman reported that a black male juvenile, 15 or 16 years of age, 5-feet, 7-inches tall, 160 pounds, wearing a green jacket, approached her and hit her in the head with his fist at Moeser Lane and San Pablo Avenue Feb. 18 at 5:29 p.m.

Four black male adults (with little further description) hit their victim three to four times with a bottle before taking his wallet. The man had several lacerations; the incident occurred on the BART path between Wall Street and Conlon Avenue at 10:45 p.m. Feb. 18.

An assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 5900 block of Alameda Avenue. Three suspects used a hammer and walking cane to beat their victim; the incident occurred between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Feb. 13.

Prowlers were reported in the 1100 block of Richmond Street (12:30 a.m., Feb. 15) and the 100 block of Ashbury Avenue on the afternoon of Feb. 12 (two male juveniles).

There were three arrests for driving under the influence: a Richmond man on San Pablo Avenue near Panama (3:15 a.m., Feb. 20), a San Francisco man at San Pablo and Plumas (2:09 a.m., Feb. 15), and a Richmond man on South 56th Street between Potrero and Bayview (9:48 p.m., Feb. 19).

A resident of the 6500 block of Portola Drive encountered a male intruder in her livingroom when returning home at about 7:48 p.m. Feb. 17. The man fled when he was discovered.

A residential burglary was reported in the 6600 block of Cutting Boulevard during the daytime Feb. 13. Someone broke a garage window for entry, then took money

from a wallet in a closet.

The burglar who entered an unlocked bedroom window in 1300 block of Everett Street Feb. 14 or 15 rifled the interior of the room before removing property.

An unsuccessful motor vehicle theft was reported on Hill Street between Peerless and Eastshore Boulevard during the daytime Feb. 19; the burglar couldn't shift the gears of the 1979 Olds Delta 88.

Tools, a cellular phone and computer hard drives were stolen from a van parked in the 1040 block of San Pablo Avenue during the daytime Feb. 12.

A folder was taken from a van parked in the 11300 block of San Pablo Avenue after a clean getaway the theft took place between Feb. 14 and 18.

In other auto burglaries, a radio was taken from a vehicle parked in the 2100 block of Junction during the early morning hours of Feb. 19 and an indash stereo was taken from a vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Harper Street during the early morning hours of Feb. 15.

An unlocked bicycle was reported stolen in the 1700 block of Eastshore Boulevard at 5:32 p.m. Feb. 18. The victim was an Adams Middle School student.

Someone threw a brick through the front window of a residence

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Albany kicks off vision plan workshops

ALBANY — Residents are encouraged to attend the city's first San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan Community Workshop on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library at 1247 Marin Ave. A subsequent walking tour of the plan area will be held on Saturday, March 8 departing from the city hall lobby at 9 a.m. The city is developing the plan to enhance existing San Pablo Avenue Design Guidelines to provide the basic planning documents for future economic development. Development of the plan is a threefold process. The first step is the March 6 community workshop with consulting firm Design, Community and Environment (DC&E), which will include a slide show featuring feasible projects that may be desirable along the corridor. Workshop participants will then discuss the slide show and types of activities, land uses, building types, pedestrian activity and parking solutions. The March 8 walking tour will be an opportunity to review existing design conditions, consider development opportunities and



Towne Center owner Jerome Blank owns the largest parcel on San Pablo Ave. to be effected by the vision plan.

constraints and make comments on a map of key development sites.

Three design alternative will be developed based on the workshop and tour and presented at a final community workshop scheduled for April 24, after which the plan will

be finalized and presented to the City Council for action.

For further information, call City Planning Manager Gary Patton at 528-5760 or Assistant to the City Administrator Ann Ritzma at 528-5710.

Girl Scout celebration planned

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — All former and present Girl Scouts, leaders and their families are invited to join the El Cerrito/Kensington Girl Scout Association to celebrate a "Girl Scout Sunday" observance Sunday, March 9 at the El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave. This year's celebration is a special one, since the Scouting organization is celebrating its 85th birthday.

The El Cerrito/Kensington Association is considered to be one of

the more active in the area. It is comprised of 53 troops, serving 350 girls, from kindergarten age through high school. Older girls, especially those earning their Gold Award, have provided valuable service to the community. The group is also "still growing," said staff member Linda Zamba of the San Francisco Bay Girl Scout Council, and is seeking more adult volunteers and more girls.

One leader, who has kept a troop together for 39 years, will be honored at the March 9 event, which is

sponsored by El Cerrito United Methodist Church, Junior Girl Scout Troop #3984 and Brownie Girl Scout Troop #1618.

Most of the troops in the Association work with convalescent homes and senior centers providing various services. Cadettes of Troop No. 647, for example, regularly make cards and visit residents of Brookview/Hillhaven, a convalescent and rehab facility. Troop members are students at Adams Middle

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Community newslines

Get a booth at Teen Center Flea Market

ALBANY — The City of Albany Teen Center is now accepting reservations for our 1st annual "Spring Cleaning" Flea Market. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the parking lot of the Teen Center located at 900 Buchanan Street (adjacent to Albany Middle School field).

This "garage sale" style flea market is an excellent opportunity for local residents to sell items that are cluttering storage areas or gathering dust in closets. Plus, overhead is kept to a minimum since advertising into the classified section of local newspapers and the San Francisco Chronicle will be handled by the sponsoring agency.

Booth spaces are 10-feet long by 5-feet wide, and include one three

by six table and two folding chairs. Additional items needed to set up booths must be provided by the seller. A \$10 fee will be charged for each booth rental.

Space is limited to 30 selling booths. For additional information or to reserve a booth to sell your wares, contact Leah Smalley, Teen Services Coordinator for the City of Albany at 525-0576.

Genealogy the focus of upcoming meeting

KENSINGTON — The next Daughters of the American Revolution meeting of the Berkeley Hills Chapter will be on March 1, held at the Kensington Youth Hut. Lunch will be served at 12 noon for \$8. Our speaker, Helen Julian Hawkins will speak on genealogy, or how to become a member of the D.A.R.

El Cerrito Library needs volunteers

EL CERRITO — Volunteers are needed for the El Cerrito Library's Grandparents and Book Buddies Program. The program is for people who enjoy children, want to promote reading as fun and entertaining, want to learn about how to read aloud and share books with children, can make a six-month, two hour per week commitment and can complete two three-hour training sessions.

Training sessions will be provided at the San Pablo Library, 2101 Market Ave., on Friday, March 21 and Friday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more about the program, complete a Contra Costa County Library Volunteer Application form, available at the El Cerrito Library at 526-7152.

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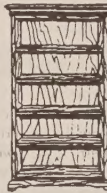


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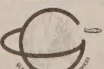
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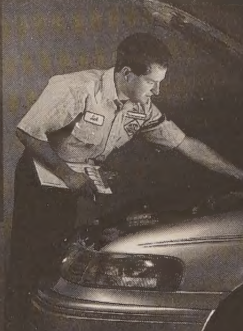
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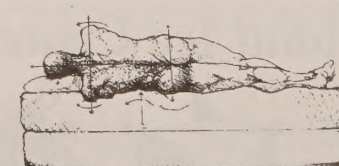
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A new lease on life: transplant recipient shows appreciation through volunteer efforts

Trinidad Diaz's name was handed down to her from her great grandmother and grandmother. Known as Trini, Diaz is a quiet, unassuming, but very poised woman who is self-assured. It is obvious that she has been a leader all of her life, and is still in that position.

Although there are many things in her life and in her nursing career that make her a person to be known and appreciated, there is one experience that stands out in her mind and in the story she tells of herself in that quiet, calm voice. That is the fact that Trini has had a liver transplant. And because of that rather incredible event, she has become a spokesperson for the California Transplant Donor Network, and a stout advocate of organ donating.

There was no dramatic story behind her need for a liver transplant. She had felt ill for some time when she had an ulcer that ruptured. She needed several units of blood, and, obviously, one of more of them was contaminated. It was after her 1989 retirement that she was found to have cirrhosis of the liver, suffering frequent hemorrhages. She waited for seven months for a liver then "got a 35-year-old liver in a 72-year-old body." She speaks softly of the family that gave her the needed organ. The donor was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Says Trini, "It took me 1 1/2 years to write a thank you letter," and she adds, "Of course, I will never know who she was and they will never know who I am. That is always made clear." But she adds, every year there is a reception for all the families in the district how have had a relative who has

received a donated organ. And all of them, she says, are much busier today than they were before the transplant. And most of them do a great deal of volunteer work.

Trini certainly does a great deal of volunteer work, including, as noted, her speaking for the California Transplant Donor Network. Word gets around, she says, and people call to ask her questions. And she is always happy to talk with them about being an organ donor and how much it means. She adds, even if you cannot donate an organ, even if you are no longer young, there is always something that can be used; tissue, eyes, bone, many things that can be frozen and kept for the time they are needed. There is no time limit, she says.

The liver is more difficult than some organs, Trini says. It has to be a certain size, and a certain blood type. She feels very fortunate that there was one that fit her needs. She then talks about children, who can have a slice of a parent's liver, so that the entire liver need not be removed. This, of course, is a tremendous move forward, and she feels that one day they will be able to do the same thing with adults, so that it will not be necessary to have an entire liver. And what that will do for the field!

Trini also says having cirrhosis of the liver makes her immediately suspect in peoples' minds. She must be a drinker, mustn't she? No, she says. Her cirrhosis came as a result of contaminated blood. But it is hard to convince people. She says her recovery included complete abstinence of liquor or wine, although after about a year she was able to drink one glass of wine with her dinner.

Trini was born and educated in Oakland. She knew even as a student in McClymonds High School that she wanted to be a nurse. It was a counselor in that high school who told her of the government's Cadet Nurse Corps. This was in 1943, during WW II, and nurses were desperately needed. She was one of 60 young women accepted into the program that began in 1943 and ended in '46. You had to agree to spend X

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amount of years in the military, which was all right with her. In fact, since her brothers were in the navy, she had planned to go into the navy also. Being in the military as a nurse was just as good. So she joined.

The war ended a year before she graduated. With nurses returning from the military, things changed for the cadet nurses. They were told that they could spend at least one year in a specialty within the hospital where they had their training or go into the Indian Services. She chose to stay and work in the operating room.

Her career took many turns. Moving on from Highland Hospital, she tells of small, short term jobs, or one point where she scraped her hand, and was moved to the top floor where they filled

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



orders. The floor was concrete, and the nurses would skate from one end to the other to fill orders.

She worked at Kaiser in Oakland which was nice, she said, but she became bored. "All I did was penicillin injections. I couldn't talk to anyone, just say, turn over and shoot." Then to Herrick as a private duty nurse. The patient was a gentleman, but the wife was a terror, more interested in keeping things dusted and the flowers watered than anything else. "I didn't even get paid," she remembers.

A doctor suggested Alta Bates. "I didn't even know where it was." She went and was hired. "My only real claim to fame was that I knew Alta Bates, the woman who started the hospital on a shoe string with the help of business people nearby." And Trini adds, Alta Bates never married, but adopted children.

She worked at Alta Bates for many years, eventually being asked to take over in service training and orientation. She didn't think those were her skills, but she loved in. And Lily Mow, who wrote to me about Trini Diaz says, "During orientation, Trini set the tone and pace for all new employees. She instilled the hospital's motto of concern for care in a kind, yet professional manner. She did this for many years. When she moved to another role, in my opinion, Alta Bates lost that all important setting standards for care."

Trini retired from Alta Bates in 1989.

And what about her husband?

Comet swings in from the east

Chabot Observatory and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's new Director of Astronomy, Jose Olivarez, reported that the bright naked eye comet Hale-Bopp is now visible to the naked eye.

The comet can be seen in the eastern morning sky at 6 a.m. view it, Bay Area residents should look directly east 90 degrees above the horizon during the bright, second-magnitude star."

Those who use 7x50 binoculars will also note the comet's short, bluish fan-shaped tail. This week, Comet Hale-Bopp is passing through the constellation of Sagitta (the arrow) moves northward.

During February and March the comet is expected to brighten and its tail lengthen as it heads for its rendezvous with Earth on April 1.

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For more information on other updates on the visible comet Hale-Bopp, contact Jose Olivarez at 530-3480 ext. 29 or access the Science Center website at www.cosc.org.

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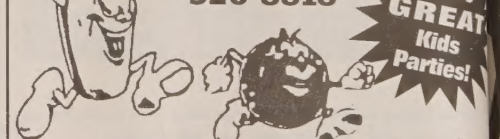
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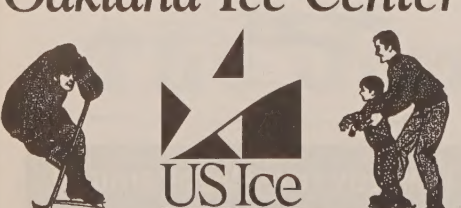
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From the Mayor's Desk

By El Cerrito Mayor Norma Jellison

Goals set for the coming year

On Feb. 21 and 22, the El Cerrito City Council met to set goals for 1997. The council meets monthly to focus our goals as a way to focus our efforts and those of city staff in the coming year(s). In this session, I'll give an overview of the goals set, and in future sessions, I'll give some more details of some of the goals and targets set.

At our last goal setting session, in 1995, we set goals for 1996, as well as for the next years to 1999. As a way of measuring our progress in achieving the goals set, at our goal setting session, we reviewed our accomplishments in 1995 and compared our accomplishments with the goals set in 1995. We found we were successful in achieving many of the objectives.

In that time we continued our systematic street reconstruction program, made possible with Measure C funds, our county-wide half cent sales tax for transportation. We completed the majority of the city-wide storm drain reconstruction program, made possible by our citizen passed bond measure. We also finalized our contract to provide fire services to Kensington.

Top priority goals achieved included continued progress on development proposals for the Del Norte area and the South Gateway/Plaza area. Another top priority was the construction of a new Fire Station No. 72, to replace the outdated Arlington Station. I'll say more about that in an upcoming column, but if you drive by, you'll see its nearing completion. Another top priority was to improve our schools. We

feel that our many partnerships with the schools in after-school recreation and tutoring programs and a dedicated police officer working with youth at the middle and high school are examples of our success in achieving that goal.

Among our high priority goals was an expansion of the NEAT (Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Program). Thanks to the efforts of a volunteer, volunteer coordinator, our fire department staff assigned to the NEAT program and the interest of our new police chief in linking NEAT and our Crime Prevention program, we made progress on this goal and hope to continue to spread the word and get more neighborhoods organized to better respond to emergencies, be they fires, earthquakes or floods. This is also a great way to get to know

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School Watch goes on the web

The birth of this column traces its roots back to 1995 when a number of parents and community members interested in school-related issues in West County campaign began to talk about how best to facilitate communication throughout the school district. One outgrowth was a weekly column, now called West County School Watch, which is published weekly to an email and fax list that has since grown to include a combined circulation of approximately 350 individuals and groups throughout West County.

The Journal newspaper also began publishing the column on a weekly basis a little over a year ago and I would like to thank Journal editor Shannon Morgan for her encouragement and help in bringing the column to print on a weekly basis.

Now, I am very happy to

announce that West County School Watch also has a home on the World Wide Web (<http://www.igc.apc.org/westcounty/>). The "igc" in this web address stands for Institute for Global Communications, home to EcoNet, a network that I had the good fortune to found a little over fourteen years ago. With the generous assistance of Apple Computer, EcoNet was formed as something akin to an electronic Peace Corps, linking volunteers and community organizations involved in sustainable community development efforts with sources of technical and logistical support. Today, under the stewardship of the Institute for Global Communications, EcoNet has grown to encompass thousands of individuals and organizations working on environmental issues around the world. So, launching our West



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

County School Watch site with IGC is very much like a coming home for me.

The West County School Watch web site initially includes many of the more substantive columns and articles covering school issues and events of the last year, links to sources of

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East Bay diners may remember Rausch from Oliveto's Gourmet Pizza in Rockridge where he not only tossed a few pizzas, but his lively personality was missed when he left to cross the bay. He is at home now, however. Born in Germany, don't let the pizza fool you. He apprenticed in 4-star hotels, has worked in hotels and restaurants in France, Italy, Canada and the United States, and is co-owner of Hudson's in Austin, Texas, as well as receiving numerous features and awards. This only scratches the surface of his accomplishments.

Dariusz Wiatr, on the other hand, is taking a leap into the restaurant industry with Coconut Grove. Born in Poland, he was a professional chess player in Europe before arriving in the U.S. in 1983. Currently, he is a Vice President at Gemini Consulting, a 1400 person international management consultancy heading its West Coast operations.

With the Coconut Grove, this team set out to create a new affordable image. Some of you may recall when the restaurant first opened, it presented expensive food and entertainment. Today you will find the same gorgeous atmosphere with a self-proclaimed "Modern Gulf Stream Cuisine" offered and spicy local entertainment that ranges from blues to jazz or swing. Tuesday through Thursday there is cover charge of just \$5 after 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday it jumps to \$10 with no charge for dinner guests at any time. That's a pretty good bargain in my book.

The menu is seasonal featuring the region from Southern Florida to New Orleans and it is limited with eight appetizers and eight entrees that change frequently. Entree presentation is inviting and interesting. The dishes vary from a black tiger prawn spring roll (\$6.95) and a pan-crisped crabcake with a corn and tasso cream sauce (\$7.95) to wild mushroom bread pudding with a roasted red pepper sauce (\$9.95), red jerked pork chop on crispy potato leek pancake with Fuji apple-pear compote (\$14.95) or red curry coconut bouillabaisse with shellfish and Thai basil (\$15.95).

The new Coconut Grove Supper Club is located at 1415 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. For reservations and information, call 415/776-1616. One more thing, check out Fat Tuesdays, Baghdad-By-The-Bay Wednesdays or Bootlegger's Thursdays for more spirit and fun.

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ATTENTION CRAB ADDICTS: Kincaid's Bayhouse at Jack London Square, Horatio's on the San Leandro Marina and Skates on the Bay on the Berkeley Marina are hosting a special seafood event through March. "Crab Jam '97" features four varieties of crab: Kona crab (sweet and meaty from the South Pacific; Chilean king crab (from the coast of South America); Jonah Crab claws (from Nova Scotia); Soft-shell crab (from the waters of Chesapeake Bay). Dungeness and Bering Sea king crab round out the crab selections. All three restaurants are featuring over a dozen signature entrees during Crab Jam. For more details call Kincaid's at (510) 835-8600, Horatio's at (510) 351-5556 and Skates at (510) 549-1900.

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COMEDY SCENE: Bobby Collins and Carlos Alazraqui at Tommy T's San Ramon...SAN FRANCISCO: Dave Attell at the Punch Line...Jeffrey Ross at Cobb's Comedy Club.

■ Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

If there is a school-related event you would like to add/correct here, please call Belinda Lum at 528-2429 or email: Robert-Marshall@msn.com

A note of appreciation from Ruth Gjerde, parent of AHS and AMS students:

"The players, coach and parents who participated in the first season of the women's junior varsity soccer program would like to thank the AUDS School Board and the AHS Administration for making this program possible. The season was a great success and the funds and support received from you are very much appreciated. We hope this program continues to be such a positive influence for years to come."

Computers for Schools Program

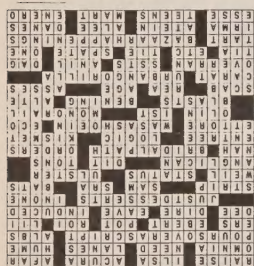
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Friday, February 28

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Saturday March 1

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Sunday, March 2, 2 - 4 p.m.

Albany Community Center Albany Music booster Band Event: Albany Senior Citizen Dance; music includes Big Bands, Oldies, Motown.

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Monday, March 3,

7:30 p.m., AMS Library PTA Council Topic: AUDS Complaint Policy Revision Contact: Kay Weinstein, 525-0363

Wednesday, March 5,

7 p.m., Room 51 AMS School Site Council Topic: Discussion of noontime sports, counseling and spending of site grant monies Contact: AMS, 559-6540

Thursday, March 6,

7 p.m. AHS Gym Superintendent Concert Event: Concert presented by students in AUDS music programs

Monday, March 10,

7:15 p.m., Cornell Multi-use Room Board of Education Topic: Agenda available at AUDS office

Thursday, March 13,

7 p.m., AMS Library AMS PTA Topic: Books for Middle Schoolers: presentation by Margaret Simpson Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

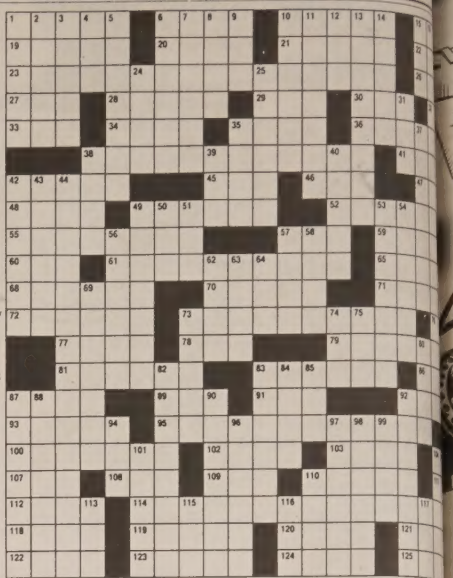
Tuesday, March 18

7:15 p.m. AMS: rm 51 AMS Parent Support Group Topic: Erika Homes, former AMS teacher, will be speaking on general teen issues Contact: Helen Munch, 525-3694

■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

SOUND EFFECTS

BY NANCY NICHOLSON JOLINE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ			
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Blotter

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The 900 block of Ashbury Avenue during the early morning hours of Feb. 11.

• A Valentine poster was taken from a residential porch in the 1200 block of Everett Street overnight Feb. 14.

• Someone damaged the hood of a vehicle in the 600 block of Ashbury Avenue between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Feb. 19.

• Paint thinner was poured on a vehicle in the 700 block of Colusa overnight Feb. 15, stripping the paint.

• Someone shot a pellet or BB

through a car window in the 800 block of Lexington on Feb. 17.

• An El Cerrito man was arrested for battery at the Eagles Hall Feb. 8 at 11:20 p.m.

• There were two cases of domestic violence reported.

• There were three arrests for shoplifting, two at Target and one at Safeway; all three suspects are male residents of Richmond.

• Keys and a bike were turned in to the lost and found.

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What: San Pablo Ave. Vision Plan Community Workshop
When: Thursday, March 6, 1997
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Edith Stone Room, Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave.

What: San Pablo Ave. Vision Plan Walking tour
When: Saturday, March 8, 1997
Time: 9:00am
Where: Leave from City Hall Lobby, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

The City of Albany is developing a San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan to enhance the existing San Pablo Design Guidelines. The San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan and Design Guidelines will then provide the basic planning documents for future economic development along San Pablo Avenue. Development of the San Pablo Avenue Vision Plan is threefold.

The first step is a community workshop with the consulting firm Design, Community & Environment (DC&E). A slide show at the workshop on (March 6) will feature San Pablo Avenue and feasible projects that may be desirable along the corridor. After the slide show, workshop participants will discuss the slide show, and types of activities, land uses, building types, pedestrian activity and parking solutions for San Pablo Avenue.

On Saturday, March 8, 1997 a walking tour of San Pablo Avenue is scheduled. As participants walk along San Pablo Avenue they will review existing design conditions, consider development opportunities and constraints, and make comments on a map of key economic development sites.

From the workshop and walking tour three design alternatives will be developed. These will be presented at a final community workshop on Thursday, April 24, 1997. After community input, the San Pablo Vision Plan will be finalized for presentation to the City Council.

What is your vision for San Pablo Avenue? Join us for the workshops and walking tour. Questions? Call Gary Patton, Planning Manager at 528-5760 or Ann Ritzma, Assistant to the City Administrator at 528-5710.

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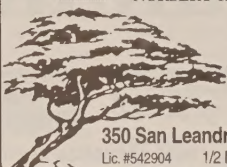
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Pat Berndt

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husband and wife, both of whom made rather dramatic career changes, are the driving force behind a rapidly growing El Cerrito home construction firm appropriately named On The Beam.

The pair, Steve and Lisa, and their company are members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newest members. Steve had been an architectural student at Tulane University for several years when he decided he wanted to be on the job site doing things rather than just sitting in an office drawing plans. With experience, he went to work for builders in New Orleans and eventually made his way to the Bay Area where he met his wife.

At the time, Lisa was studying for her Masters Degree in English and was starting a 14 year career as a teacher of English as a second language. The couple married in 1980 and in 1986 moved to El Cerrito to get — as Steve puts it — "a good environment in which to raise and care our children."

In 1994 Steve's business had grown so rapidly that the couple decided to work as a team — with Lisa handling the planning and design and Lisa taking over administration, payroll and bookkeeping.

The pair have no regrets about their career changes. Steve, Lisa reports, still prefers being on the job site to being in an architect's office. "I don't miss her job as much as I thought I would," she says. "I love to watch the work happen."

On The Beam is a general contracting company dedicated to producing well-crafted, well-structured projects. The firm offers concrete foundation layout and execution, complete kitchen and bathroom remodeling, additions and new construction, exterior and interior trim and woodwork, and cabinet installation. According to the Schliffs, their company is also a licensed tile contractor with extensive experience in ceramic, stone, marble, slate, granite and granite tile or slab installation.

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In addition, On The Beam offers cost-effective design and building service which includes drawing up of blueprints for a project which will meet all codes required to obtain a building permit.

Also available is a photo album showing a wide range of the company's work, such as wood decking, additions to homes, remodeling, foundation work, stone and tile installations, home building, and commercial tenant improvements. "We," the pair declares, "insure that the work at hand is completed and executed on time and within budget. Unforeseen

problems are creatively solved with minimal delay. Work not performed by our core group of craftsmen is undertaken by our other fine subcontractors."

On The Beam enforces the state-required safety program by holding regular safety meetings on jobsites and recording them in a company safety manual.

The Schliffs add that their company carries a current workers compensation insurance policy, liability insurance, and current business licenses in many Bay Area cities. All subcontractors who work for On The Beam are also licensed and insured, and all the work is performed with a city permit.

The company, which can be reached by telephoning 236-3002, also offers a one-year workmanship warranty which includes a no-charge quality control call-back program to insure customer satisfaction.

The Schliffs and their two children — Adam, 14, and Rebecca, 9 — live at 1335 Brewster Court in El Cerrito.

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Classes

MAR. 4

Bridge Lessons: 1-3 pm; every Tues. for five weeks; teacher, Reginald Williams; Emeryville Senior Center, 4321 Salem St., Emeryville; \$35; 596-3730

Ongoing

Dance Dynamics: Tues. and Wed. afternoons; Finnish Hall, 1819 10th St., Berkeley, CA; Rhythm, Movement & Dance Training; 5th-8th grade; 339-7175

UC Distance Learning Course in Creative Writing: UC Extension course, Popular Forms of Fiction: A Writing Workshop; students interact with instructors via e-mail or regular mail; enrollment ongoing; UC Berkeley Extension; 642-4124

Berkeley Community Media: beginning video and studio production for Berkeley residents; Rick Sylvain; 848-2288

Community Events

FEB. 27

A National Day of Action: graduate employees will leaflet, teach-in, and demonstrate; Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions; UC Berkeley campus

Capitals of Culture: 7:30 pm; Despot and Citizen: Renaissance Art; Prof. Randolph Stern; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370 for reservations

The Borneo Project: 6:30 pm; "Prospects for Environmental Justice in the Rainforests of Sarawak, Malaysia;" Café de la Paz, Community Room, 1600 Shattuck (at Cedar) #104, Berkeley

African & American—American Heritage Banquet: 5:30-7:30 pm; International House Dining Commons, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley; \$7; 642-9490

FEB. 28

We Are the World, 1997 Global Awards: 6-9 pm; the International House, UC Berkeley; \$50; 869-3801

Civil Rights and Gay Rights: 12:30 pm; Judge Deborah A. Batts; Booth Auditorium, Boalt Hall School of Law, UC Berkeley campus

MAR. 1

Women's Cancer Resource Center Volunteer Training: 9 am-noon, Sat.; WCRRC, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 548-WCRC, TTY (for hearing impaired) 548-9288

Women, Poverty and Population—A Call to Engagement for People of Faith: 8:30 am-5 pm; Sat.; a regional interfaith conference; Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley; \$20 registration; students free with I.D.; 415/296-8784

California Socialist Conference: noon-9 pm; Evans Hall, UC Berkeley, Berkeley; International Socialist Organization; \$5; 415/522-1895 or 654-3741

Humane Society Rummage Sale: 1st and 3rd Sat. of the month; Berkeley East Bay Humane Society, 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley; 845-7735

Deadline for Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament: for details call 644-6530, Mon.-Fri. 10 am-5 pm; John Lee or Harold Bennett

Junior Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament: 10 am-6 pm; Recreational Sports Facility complex, UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 849-4663

MAR. 2

New Council Agenda: 3-5 pm; Berkeley Citizens Action will meet with new members of the City Council; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley; free; 549-0816

Women's Cancer Resource Center Volunteer Training: 10 am-4 pm, Sun.; WCRRC, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 548-WCRC, TTY (for hearing impaired) 548-9288

Hike—Samuel P. Taylor State Park: 8:30 am departure; leader Pat Calhoun; 415/479-3909

MAR. 3

Mini-Hike, Lafayette Reservoir: 9:30 am departure; leader Jane Jacobs; 939-0159

MAR. 5

League of Women Voters, Board Meeting: 9:15 am; S. Berkeley Library; 843-8824

Ongoing

Volunteers needed for the Berkeley Free Folk Festival: scheduled for May 17-18, especially needed: artist for publicity; call Jessica at 843-3810

Young Artists Awards for Strings: \$1,000 High School prize; \$1,500 Young Artist Prize; application postmarked by March 24; resident of a Bay Area county; \$25 fee to Berkeley Piano Club; Ruth Hardin; 2822 Hillegass Ave.; Berkeley; 848-059

Exhibits

FEB. 27

Kala Art Institute Fellowship Awards Exhibition, Part I: gallery hours, Tues.-Fri. noon-5 pm; artists' reception 6-9 pm tonight; Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 549-2977

MAR. 1

East Bay Women Artists: Mar. 1 through Apr. 26; Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; open during hospital hours

UC Berkeley Art Museum Public Programs: 1:30 pm; The Mask of Venice-Masking, Theater, and Identity in the Art of Tiepolo and His Time; guided tour by curator James Steward; sign language; Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley; meet in Gallery 2; gen admission \$6; 642-0808, TDD-642-8734

Megalithic Art: 1-6 pm; Celtic Art Exhibit of Paleolithic and Neolithic Ireland; Sheila O'Donnell; reception at 4:30 pm; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$5-10 donation; 849-2569

MAR. 2

UC Berkeley Art Museum Public Programs: 2 pm; The Mask of Venice-Masking, Theater, and Identity in the Art of Tiepolo and His Time; guided tour by curator James Steward; sign language; Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley; meet in Gallery 2; general admission \$6; 642-0808, TDD-642-8734

Ongoing

Spectrum-Woodblock through Microchop: opens today; Tues.-Sun. 1-5 pm; Berkeley Store Gallery, 2295 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; through March 29; 665-9496

A Gentle Plea for Chaos: 2-5 p.m.; Werner Hising; Cecile Mooschek Gallery 1809D Fourth St. (upstairs), Berkeley; through March 30; 549-1018

Big Tools and the Women Who Use Them: 12-5 p.m. Weds.-Sun.; Katherine Aoki; The Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park; reception on Feb. 23, 2-4 p.m.; free; through March 29; 644-6893

Fire House Gallery: Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun. noon-5 p.m.; Five Artists—Five Directions in Polymer Clay, Too; Pier Voukos, Martha Breen, Ruth Anne Grove, Michael Grove, Jamey D. Allen; 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley; 849-4967

Campus Series: 7 am-7 pm; by Dah; Espresso Roma Cafe Gallery, 1549 Hopkins St., Berkeley; through Apr. 3; 528-8010

Berkeley Art Museum: 2626 Bancroft Way; "The Mask of Venice: Masking, Theater and Identity in the Art of Tiepolo and His Time," through Mar. 2; "Masterworks of Greek and Roman Art from the Phoebe Hearst Museum," through Apr. 20; "Garrett Eckbo: The Art of the Social Landscape MATRIX," through Mar. 9; Hiroshi Sugimoto—photographs, through Apr. 6; 642-0808 for 24-hour info

"Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yeminite Silversmiths": Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., through Apr.; 549-6950

"Liquid Gold-California's Water": presented by Water Resources Center at Bemice Layne Brown Gallery, Doe Library, UC Berkeley; through Mar. 30; 642-2666

"My Family's Routes and Roots":

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St.; through Apr.; 549-6950

Quilts by Nancy Pagani: Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; through Mar. 9

Quilts by the Off Kilners: New Pieces Fabric, 1597 Solano Ave.; through Mar. 4; 527-6779

Richmond Art Center: 2540 Barrett Ave., Civic Center Plaza; "Beyond Boundaries: The North American Printmaking Exhibition"; sculpture by Diana Pumpelly Bates; "The Art of Living Black," Bay Area Artists' Open Studios Exhibition; through Mar. 22; 620-6772

Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet, Dharma Publishing Art Gallery, 2910 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr. 26; 548-5407

Tattoo Ephemera: The Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave.; through Apr.; 548-5895

Lectures and Workshops

FEB. 27

Career Center Support Group: 4-5 pm; drop-in support groups; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$5; 848-6370

Interviewing Tips, Techniques, and Practice: 1:30-2:30 pm; mini-workshop; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$3 non-members and free for members; 848-6370

Northeast Asia—Strategic Crossroads: 10 am-noon; Wesley Young, professor, Dominican College, San Rafael; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 549-0918 or 848-3533

Wilderness Alaska: 7 pm; John Wenger, wildlife biologist; REI Berkeley, 1338 San Pablo Ave.; 527-4140

Thailand: 11 am; Herb and Ruth Wellemeyer; Kensington 55+ Activity Center, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146

FEB. 28

"Introduction to Quicken for Windows": 1-5 pm; Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison, Rm. 203, Berkeley; \$64; Mildred Stewart; 841-8860 x256

Community Health Care Under Siege—Community responses from Guatemala: 2 pm; "Prospects for Health in a Changing Guatemala;" UC Berkeley Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley campus; 642-6000 for location

East Bay Transportation—Problems and Solutions: 12:30 pm; Vincent Harris, Exec. Dir. Alameda Co. Transportation Authority; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; \$1, students free; 848-3533

MAR. 2

Tibetan Art and Visualization: 6-7 pm; Sylvia Gretchen; The Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; free; 843-6812

MAR. 4

California Retired Teachers Association, Division 58: noon luncheon followed by a program; St. Luke's Methodist Church, 32nd and Barrett Ave., Richmond; \$8 luncheon; 234-3046 for reservations

Job Search Resources: 1:30 pm; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370

Assess Your Values Using Schein's Career Anchors: 4 pm; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; \$10 members, \$15 non-members; 848-6370

A Career in the Peace Corps: noon-1 pm; Julie Deardorff; Turning Point Career Center, University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370

MAR. 5

Rotary Club of Berkeley: Alex Hildebrand, retired engineer, farmer, Pres. of San Joaquin River Flood Control Association; 1836 University Ave., Berkeley; 841-2319

Russia and the U.S.—Growing Cooperation? 10 am-noon; William J. Barnsdale, retired Foreign Service Officer; Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 549-0918 or 848-3533

Ongoing

East Bay Small Business Development Center: four Saturday business planning and strategy workshops on UC Berkeley campus; March 1, 22, Apr. 19, May 17; \$19.50 fee; register prior to March 1; 893-4114 or 841-8860 x267

Literary Events and Readings

FEB. 27

Chinese New Year: Suzanne Williams; Central Library, 486-0698

Buddhist Women on the Bay: Marianne Dresser with Barbara Gates; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

Patrice Gaines: 7:30 pm; Grace: Meeting the Challenge; Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave.; 486-0698

MAR. 2

An Afternoon of Storytelling: Rafe Martin; Northbrae Community Center, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley; \$10 adults, \$5 under 18

The World's Most Dangerous 12:30 pm: Robert Young; Travel Shop, 1400 Shattuck Ave. (at Rose), Berkeley; 843-3533

MAR. 4

Circle to Simplicity—Buddhist Good Life: 7:30 pm; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

Poetry at the BAC: 7:30 pm; every Tuesday; this week: Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. (between Rose/Emile), Berkeley; 7113

MAR. 5

Dream Messenger: 7 pm; Garfield; Gaia Bookstore and Community Center, 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA

Music

FEB. 27

Dave Eshelman's Garden: 8 pm; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Berkeley; \$10 general, \$7 students

Jazz Funk Connection: Chillfactor & Jalopy; 9:30 pm; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 848-0886

Chazz Cats w/ Jimbo Trotter: The Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave.; 841-2082

Dan Bern: 8 pm; Freight & See GOINGS ON

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"civilized" peoples.
It is vital that young people begin to learn the crucial facts about how the "global marketplace" works because, as Ms. Pace points out in the article, sixth grade students are just on the brink of joining the consumer culture.

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Sonda Beal
Albany

An attempt to confuse

Editor:
Norman La Force has done it again, by calling the kettle black, he is assuming to be the pot. He reads and hears what he alone interprets as being said or the spoken word. Mr. Glintrnick quoted from a book he read and wrote what that writer had written.

Talk about credibility, he of all people should never raise this question. Mr. La Force's credibility among the great majority of citizens in El Cerrito stands at minus nine. No elected official that has ever sat in a chair in El Cerrito has used his legalese to confuse and confound the citizens more than he.

Once again he goes off and this time he shows that he is thin skinned. The Sierra Club that


pays his salary wants to drain Lake Powell and have Glen Canyon revert back to what it was. What about the thousands that depend upon this resource for drinking and irrigation water and the many sportsmen that enjoy the recreational aspects of Lake Powell? How about Desolation Valley and the protests by the Sierra Club over charging a day permit for

hikers? What about the invitation of Sierra Club Directors to give their views of future development of our city? If ever a non-organization should have non-taxable status removed is the organization. Let me about credibility La Force.

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Boys will have 35-seconds to shoot — it's about time

Only 1-of-2 state sections
posed to new clock ruling

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basketball playoff time,
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is the last season high
boys will be able to use
known as holding the
35-second clock makes
insurance in boys' basket-
next year, per order
CIF Federated Council.
shot clock rule places high
boys in sync with colle-
basketball teams. It
speed up the game
those boring stalls.
CIF took a survey of prin-
athletic directors, varsity
basketball coaches and
found that 76 per-
the 442 people who re-
were in favor of a shot

clock.

Not in favor were the Oakland
and San Joaquin sections.

"The CIF was not particularly
concerned that they went to a 35-
second clock," said OAL commis-
sioner Jerry Luzar, who feels it
should be the same as the girls' 30-
second clock. "It can be expensive.
It costs at least \$1,000 to purchase
and install a new clock."

Luzar said most of the newer
clocks owned by OAL schools can
be converted to the new 35-second
mode. If not, the league could de-
velop some ground rules of manu-
ally adding five seconds to the 30-
second clocks.

Skyline coach Scott Ferris likes
the idea of the 35-second clock,
though his team hardly ever holds

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This will become a familiar sight at boys' games next year.

What the coaches are saying...

By Scott Strain

"Totally unnecessary," says Col-
lege Prep coach Benji Tan.

"I think it's great," says Head-
Royce coach Tom Welsh.

"Although not too many teams
took more than 35 seconds against
us this year, there were teams that
took advantage of not having a shot
clock," said Berkeley's Dan Palley.

Albany boys coach Doug
Kagawa says: "I've got to go along
with it."

"It's good for us because our
kids get up and down the floor,"
said El Cerrito coach Chris Huber.
"I think it'll be great," echoed St.
Mary's Jose Caraballo. Six coaches
talking about the same subject — a
new rule for boys basketball —
which is scheduled to take effect for
the 1997-98 season.

According to a story by the
McClatchy News Service, five

states — New York, Maryland,
Virginia, Massachusetts and
North Dakota — are using a shot
clock for boys basketball. Only
California, Washington, Massa-
chusetts and Rhode Island use
the shot clock for girls.

"In the past when I've had the
right players we like to run,"
says Albany's Kagawa. "I think
it will make everyone play the
same way, though. We'll just
have to find out about it, since
I've never had to coach with a
shot clock before. I can live with
it, but unfortunately it takes some
of the strategic opportunities
away from the game."

Tan, who is the boys coach at
CPS, believes the measure is
unnecessary because he thinks the
game is fast enough and that
rushing it any more would "pro-
mote even worse shot selection"

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SM's confident; EC's sputtering

John Gardella

ing into Wednesday's
playoff matches, the
y's and El Cerrito High
basketball teams appeared
in different directions; yet,
likely to end up in the
place.

coaches — St. Mary's Jose
Caraballo and EC's Chris Huber

see their
teams

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The Gauchos (16-10, 6-5) lost
their starting point guard Jamal
Jones to academics last month,
and then lost three of their last six
games to finish fourth in the Su-
per Powerhouse Division.

They faced a St. Joe team that
beat them by 30 in the season
opener, went undefeated in league
and is ranked No. 1 in Northern
California according to Cal-Hi
Sports.

**'Even if we exit
early, I expect us
to make the
NCS...We have to
limit St. Joe's
possessions if
we want to win.'**

— CHRIS HUBER, EL CERRITO
COACH

"We have to
limit St. Joe's
possessions if
we want to
win," Huber
said.

Both teams
were well re-
presented when
all-league se-
lections were
announced
Tuesday at the
coach's meet-
ing.

The Pan-
thers' Daniel Shaw was a first-
team selection. The senior was
the ACCAL's eighth-leading
scorer at 14.9 points per game.
Jovan Harris, a talented sopho-
more for EC, was also a first team
pick. The first-year varsity player
led the Gauchos in scoring with
13ppg.

The Panthers had four honor-
able mention picks, including
Brendan Cook (11 points, 11 re-
bounds), Billy Heidi (league-lead-
ing 26 3-pointers), Marlon Kelly-
White (league-leading seven as-
sists per game) and Jerome
Hawkins.

Receiving honorable mention
consideration for EC were Donny
Davis (11 points) and Kirby
Harrison (7 points, six rebounds).

Jeff Lindquist
St. Mary's
Daniel Shaw,
guarded by
El Cerrito's
Jamal Ben-
nett when the
two schools
met Jan. 31,
was named
to the first
team all-
ACCAL.



Albany girls, EC boys soccer teams eliminated

by Cougars almost pull off
set of tough Bishop O'Dowd

Mac Montandon

LEONARD — In a match
called "the best they've
played all
year," the Al-
bany girls
soccer team
very nearly
produced a
significant
upset of
Bishop
O'Dowd

night in the first round of
the Coast Section playoffs.

It was a wonderfully played
match, competitive and emotional,
and it left a loyal crowd glad it had
bundled up and made the trek out to
Burrell Field, as O'Dowd won, 3-2.
Though they had but a handful of
scoring opportunities, the Cougars
converted twice in the second half,
to overcome a 1-0 deficit at the
intermission.

When junior forward Christina
Leonard raced to a loose ball in the
O'Dowd goal mouth and sublimely
rolled the ball past Dragons keeper
Anna Haegel with 16:10 left in the
second half, the Cougars went

ahead, 2-1.

Albany was still up, with 11 min-
utes to go in the game when BOD
forward Lauren Dieckmann broke
free over the left side of the Cougars
defense. Dieckmann's hard left-foot
shot deflected off Cougars keeper
Liz Watty, and BOD's Venus James
moved in quickly to stuff home the
tying goal from five yards out.

James scored 26 times during
the regular season, and the swift,
UCLA-bound senior added two
more Tuesday, as her first half goal
had given the Dragons (16-1-1) the
early advantage.

BOD's Karen Fleming lofted the
winning goal into the upper right
corner of the cage with 2:30 show-
ing on the clock. The junior made a

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But Gauchos were an improved squad

By John Gardella

The El Cerrito boys soccer team
saw its season end Tuesday in the
first round of the North Coast Sec-
tion playoffs

with a 2-0
loss at San
Ramon. But
for a team
that finished
seventh in the
Alameda-
Contra Costa

Athletic League in 1996, this sea-
son was a rousing success.

EC (12-6-5) received an at-
large bid to the NCS after reach-

ing the semifinals of the ACCAL,
where Kennedy, the eventual
league champ, beat it, 4-2. The
Gauchos finished fourth in the
regular season.

"We are disappointed that we
lost in the first round," said coach
Fred Gonzalez. "But I am satis-
fied with the year we had. We
definitely improved. We didn't
make the North Coast last year,
and this season we were one of
just 12 teams in Northern Califor-
nia to make it."

San Ramon scored a goal in
each half, while thwarting the
Gauchos.

"Some of the kids were de-

jected because we thought we
could advance to the next round,"
Gonzalez said. "but we couldn't
put the ball in the net."

Gonzalez is already looking to-
ward next year when he has to
replace five starters, including
scoring leader Xongdeth
Chaymay. In all, the soccer team
graduates nine players.

"We like what we did this sea-
son," Gonzalez said. "The season
went the way we wanted. We had
a winning record and got to the
playoffs. I think we can continue
to improve in wins, but that's not
to detract from what we accom-
plished this season."

But, again in the great ro-
mantic tradition of Quixote,
Berkeley (16-10) seemed to
have peaked somewhere around
Valentine's Day, having gone
a modest 3-3 in league play
recently, including losses last
week to California, 62-55, and
Monte Vista, 54-41, to con-
clude the regular season.

"We were disappointed in
our record," coach Dan Palley
said Tuesday, "but we had a
good practice this morning, and
we expect to give a good show-
ing in the North Coast Section
playoffs."

Berkeley is competing with
James Logan and Santa Rosa
for an NCS bid, two teams with
worse overall records.

The Jackets came in this sea-

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St. Mary's girls softball team ready for move up to varsity level for '97

By John Gardella

Last year, R.J. Bruno was more teacher than coach.

Bruno led the fledgling St. Mary's High junior varsity girls softball team. For many of the 12 players, it was their first experience with the game. "We won two games last year," Bruno said. "They came in the last week of the season. It took that long for the team to click."

Although playing at the varsity level this season in the tough Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, the Panthers are still young

(there is no senior class). The difference is that the players, even the freshmen, are now experienced.

"Last year no one really knew what they were doing," Bruno said. "But our returning players have a year of experience, and the freshmen all played in various leagues before. While the team is probably going to be freshmen and sophomores, we have experience. We'll surprise some of the teams."

Although the Panther's rosters won't be set until next week, Bruno and assistant coach Sandy Bishop have several players penciled into the lineup.

Sophomore Staicia Clutts was voted the team's MVP as a freshman. A good athlete, Clutts will likely play several positions.

"She's very natural," Bruno said. "She has great perception and a really good stick."

Likely to start in the outfield are Angela Verade and Anika Fernandez, both sophomores.

"It's incredible what a year does," Bruno said. "Both of their arms improved 100 percent."

Just a freshman, Elizabeth Mullarkey appears to be the team's starting catcher.

"Elizabeth is real good at taking

control of the field," said Bruno.

Bruno is anxiously waiting the return of pitcher Alexandra Hammond from a foot injury. Bruno hopes to have last year's top pitcher back for the start of league play.

According to Bruno, the team's strength this year lies in its versatility, the ability of players to perform at several positions.

"It's a very young team," said Bruno, "but the league will be surprised by the talent. I'll be doing more coaching than teaching this season."

The Lady Panthers play McClymonds Thursday.

ABGSL adds a micro division for '97

Albany-Berkeley Girls Softball League has created a Micro Division and is taking registration for 1st grade girls. The girls play two hours each Saturday morning, March 8 - June 7. For more information, call Peggy Heathcock, 524-4921.

EC Youth Baseball opens season March 1

Opening day for El Cerrito Youth Baseball season is March 1. A parade is scheduled to begin at El Cerrito High at 10 a.m. and will end at Cerrito Vista Park, where opening ceremonies will follow.

Jackets

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son easily soliciting praise from local pollsters. Pugh and fellow sophomore Justin Davis form the nucleus of a talented, deep squad, with seniors Rickey Meyers, Josh Jackson and Paul Foster, and junior Marcus Cole also possessing formidable skills.

All of Palley's top players have performed excellently at times, and Davis has been the most consistent scorer in the EBAL. By the end of last week the 6-foot-6 forward stood alone atop the league leaders in points with 17.7 a game.

It figures then that the Jackets should be able to shrug off their second-half swoon, and make a strong showing in the NCS playoffs, March 4-8. Berkeley will know by Sunday night who and when it plays, if it gains an invitation.

Possible first-round opponents include St. Joseph, Pittsburg, or Bishop O'Dowd. With not a slouch among them, the Jackets are guaranteed a serious test.

Despite his team's inconsistent play, Palley remained sure of its talents.

"We're confident we can do well in the playoffs," the coach said.

CAL DIGEST

Baseball team wins series with OSU

The Cal baseball team (9-8) won two-of-three games last weekend vs. Oregon State at Evans Diamond. The Bears defeated the Beavers, 8-6, Friday, 14-2, Saturday and lost, 15-2, Sunday.

A highlight for the Bears in the first game was the pitching of senior Drew Fischer, who despite giving up nine hits and six runs, ended up throwing 7.0 innings allowing only one walk and tied a career-high with seven strikeouts. Junior Jim Vorhis came up with a big relief effort in the eighth. Vorhis replaced Fischer with the bases loaded and no outs and was able to get out of the inning yielding only one run. Sophomore Tyler Walker came in the ninth and had two strikeouts to earn his second save of the season.

The top hitter for Cal was third baseman Jim Schmidt, who had a key two-run single with the bases loaded in the sixth.

In the Bears win Saturday, they pounded out 14 hits and were led by the impressive pitching of freshman starter Jon Shirley, who went 6.0 innings, allowing two hits, no runs, no walks and a career-high seven strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Cal included freshman right fielder Juan Hernandez (3-for-5), Schmidt (3-for-4) and sophomore shortstop Brian Oliver (2-for-3 with a double, triple, two RBI).

A highlight for the Bears in the 15-2 loss was sophomore catcher Jason Hill, who hit a solo home run in the sixth.

Cardinal nips Cal swimmers

No. 1 ranked Stanford defeated No. 4 Cal men's swimming and diving team, 125-118, Saturday at Spieker Complex. Stanford boosts its dual meet record to 8-1, while Cal falls to 7-2.

Both teams led at various points during the meet. Going into the last event, the 400 free relay, Stanford trailed by two points, thus making the last event a "winner take all" scenario. Stanford pulled ahead when it captured the event with a time of 2:57.55 (Scott Claypool, Dod Wales, Glenn Counts, Sabir Muhammad).

Leaders for the Bears were sophomores Danyon Loader and Kevin Kozulj.

Loader trailed Stanford's Jordan Radvany midway through the 500 free, but came back to win it with a time of 4:30.53. Loader also won the 200 free (1:38.18). Kozulj placed first in the 200 back (1:44.97). Cal also won the first

event, 400 medley relay. The Bears' early lead was Christian Claytor, Mike Kizierowski).

Throughout the meet, Stanford had a run with divers, Joe Kocal and Freshman Kocal won the diving competition (240). Hooper took second in the first in the three events. The Bears will meet Beach March 6-Kiorthorn's prionships

Oh Canada

In a close match, St. Mary's varsity rugby team could come at halftime, and vanish in the second half. University of British Columbia 29 unanswered points in the first half.

The Bears led, 25-6, thanks in part to a strong backfield, which helped Thunderbirds pinned the line. Cal captain and Dalzell knew the Bears were working against his team's period, but was optimistic.

"We felt that our players from our kicking game, confident that we could add. Unfortunately, we couldn't pen."

The Bears scored their first half with winger Hook Sam Enochian and Takei all crossing the Dalzell added two conversions and two penalties.

However, that was Cal for celebration. With them, B.C. not only racked up four penalties, but also shut out the Bears' turnovers and maintaining discipline.

Dalzell said at the very end of the game was good experience. "We've now played a game where the elements are a factor, and something different and you adapt."

Cal came into the match after a narrow loss to Canada house University of Victoria the week. Coach Jack Clark pointed to be denied again. "The team is talented but underachieving," said Clark, to lead Cal to a seventh national championship (the Bears next see when they host Chico State).

Cal also won the first

Cougars

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clean trap at the top of the penalty box, and flicked the ball into the only available portion of the net.

Fleming's score ended a memorable season for coach Linda McPherson's Cougars (15-5, 10-3 ACCAL).

Several players have contributed to the Cougars' resurgence. Leonard and fellow junior forward Vanessa Preisler, who scored the first Albany goal on a sharply cut ball from a severe angle on the right side, are quite fast and excellent, clever ballhandlers.

Leonard led Albany with nine goals this season, while Preisler bolted her way to six scores and eight assists.

Midfielder Annie Izaki makes her team go, controlling the center of the field, consistently distributing passes which ignite the offense. She had five

assists on the season, and scores Tuesday.

The Cougars' defense is slick. Keeper and made several saves early in the match to keep things close for the Cougars and sister Lindsay, a midfielder played on Albany's ACCAL volleyball team. Tuesday marked the second time McPherson's squad had experienced five days. Last Thursday, they dropped an ACCAL playoff contest to Piedmont, 4-3, after leading most of the way.

felt her team dominated the match, and lamented the loss. "Man, we can't get it," McPherson said Tuesday. "We had one break all season. But outstanding game, and I'm very proud of our team."

Coaches

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than there is now.

"They shoot fast enough as it is," he said. "Very few teams run extended offensive sets and there are few motion offenses out there. It's mostly isolation offenses or one-on-one."

"Slow-down is a different kind of basketball and I don't think most teams will play it."

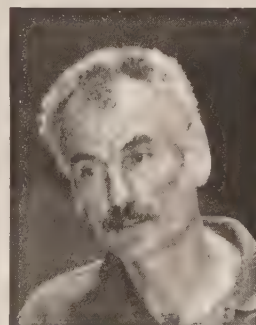
Welsh believes that playing "slow-down" is a coaching strategy, not a tactic and that it takes the ball out of the hands of the players.

"Basketball is an exciting game to play," he said, "and low-scoring games can be exciting. But if the purpose of the strategy is just to keep the score low, then that is wrong."

Slow-down tactics are usually employed by weak teams that are playing superior opponents. A couple of years back, Piedmont was playing one of the Jason Kidd-led teams of St. Joseph. The Highlanders held the ball and were behind at the half, 27-4.

Does the slow-down even the playing field, so to speak? It is all a matter of perspective.

"If you are holding the ball in the last couple of minutes to get on the foul-line to protect a lead, then I think that is a tactic. But you don't want to do it the whole game just to



Jeff Lindquist

BHS' Dan Palley: 'There were teams who took advantage of not having a clock.'

keep the score respectable," Welsh said.

"Who is winning here? I'm not sure the kids would be winning in a slow-down. It is still a game for the kids, and they have more fun when they can play and shoot."

Tan, who was a starting guard for CPS when it won a Bay Counties League championship in 1984, said that team was "notorious" for holding the ball.

"We had a big team and we just played zone. We dared teams to go inside," he said. "We'd sit there and force perimeter shots. Our coach (current Cal golf coach Steve

Desimone) said that if we kept the score in the 40s, we'd win a lot of games. And we did."

There have been a few notable slow-down games in boys basketball. In last year's Northern California Division I championship game, De La Salle edged Jesuit of Sacramento, 48-47. In another good game between ranked teams last year, Pittsburg defeated Northgate, 46-45.

And in 1974, Hiram Johnson of Sacramento decided to hold the ball against the Bill Cartwright-Elk Grove team. Johnson trailed, 4-0 at the half and lost, 22-1.

Tan believes the shot clock is not necessary; Welsh says it is. The only thing for sure is that the rule will be in effect. We'll see.

"With a shot clock, they can be patient, but at some point they have to attack," said Berkeley's Palley. "This is helpful for teams like us which are more likely to force up-tempo opportunities."

"I think it'll only change the last couple of minutes when teams won't have to foul to get the ball back, said EC's Huber."

"It'll keep the game moving at a higher pace and teams' won't be able to hold the ball for four minutes," said St. Mary's Caraballo.

Hills correspondents John Gardella and Mac Montandon also contributed to this article.

Ruling

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onto the ball anywhere near that long.

"We play a style that it (the new rule) doesn't affect us at all," said Ferris. "But there are certain situations (when) you have to slow it down or they want to slow it down against you. I like the fact that it adds a new dimension to the game. It makes the game intense."

Ferris said it would help his team in matchups outside of the OAL, mostly in preseason and postseason games. He also likes the idea of being instep with the college game.

"It will help," said Ferris. "Yeah, I like it. It's just another aspect of the game that colleges and girls

have dealt with the whole time."

At Bishop O'Dowd, boys' coach Mike Phelps is now in favor of the change. It is something he has wavered about over the years.

"I think it's good," said Phelps. "Twenty years ago I wouldn't have said it. In the 1970s people wanted to see a game like that. People don't even go to games now. I guess it's an attempt to speed up the game."

Many feel this change will aid bigger, stronger teams and hurt the little teams that incorporate time possession as a defense against scoring. Now those teams will fall into a zone defense, which will force other teams to react.

"Some teams will not play man-to-man anymore," said Phelps.

"You'll see more zones, but you'll get better zone offenses. It goes to teams with talent. Teams with real good players don't hang onto the ball. If you can't get a shot off in 35 seconds you need a new offense."

Phelps said the clock will also eliminate the fouls that dominate the end of many games. Teams will know they have a few guaranteed possessions in the last minute of play.

"You can't hold onto the ball," said Phelps. "A team has got to shoot it. People really hate these foul-foul-foul games. You know you'll get two or three possessions."

Most teams will incorporate the 35-second clock during the summer leagues to get used to it.

AHS girls hoops: work in progress

By Mac Montandon

Apparently it might take a battalion of bulldozers to slow the annual gains being made by the Albany girls basketball team.

According to coach David De Hart, Albany officials are considering a massive retrofitting program which could render AHS's gym unusable next season, forcing the Cougars to play every game on the road. De Hart's club has been remodeled itself over the last three years, turning a program resigned to losing, into a regular playoff contender. For the first

time in as long as anyone can remember, Albany finished with a winning record — 13-12 overall, 5-7 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League.

The Cougars won twice last week, 49-46, over Salesian and, 42-37, against St. Mary's, narrowly missing out on the ACCAL playoffs. They made the postseason last year with less league wins, but the ACCAL was significantly stronger this time around. Still, De Hart said one win earlier in the year may have been all it would have taken to lengthen his team's schedule.

"They worked really hard," De Hart said. "Overall it was a great season. It was a winning season, and again we improved. That's the plus side."

De Hart Albany has seen its win total expand from six, two seasons ago (when De Hart came aboard), to nine last year, and then to this year's baker's dozen.

Certainly helping the Cougars cause as well has been the play of probable All-League selection April Johnson. The 5-foot-9 sophomore averaged 14 ppg, and was additionally impressive with her improvements on defense.

BHS involving 10 teams. The junior Jackets won their scrimmage, scoring in the last five seconds to defeat Acalanes, 3-2.

Only nine JV players are returning, with 17 new boys joining the team.

BHS girls lacrosse, in only its fourth season, is also gearing up, with the team's first match slated for March 5 against Monte Vista.

Senior offensive player Sarah Schooley says excitement is high despite having only a handful of players left over from last year's undefeated team.

Schooley attributes the optimism to the offseason hiring of Carrie Buttnick as girls' coach. Buttnick, who

Albany also received fine play from sophomores Kimbra Baker, Tiffany Jessie, Ami Foster and Kimi Yamamoto, and seniors Eden King, Lynn Yamamoto, and Alena Brown. Junior Miya Yamamoto (a cousin of sisters Kimi and Lynn) greatly improved her ballhandling, and will switch from forward to guard next year.

De Hart saw Lynn Yamamoto come through with several clutch shots late in the year. Yamamoto scored six of the eight Albany points in the fourth quarter of its win over St. Mary's, including a 3-pointer which secured the game.

played collegiately at St. Mary's College, is "really, really excited," according to Schooley.

An after school junior team, a co-ed squad of 10- to 14-year-olds, is also active. Organized by Jonah Hendrickson and coached by BHS player Andrew Day, it grew from a camp held at Berkeley last summer. Hendrickson's goal is to see an official middle school lacrosse program established.

A girls junior league, which will practice at Berkeley Adult School, is being formed. Call Gretta Mitner, 415-431-1245, or Page Nolker, 652-2504, for details.

Yellowjackets open lacrosse season Saturday

Lacrosse season has arrived at Berkeley High, and the stadium rings with the clack-clack of colliding sticks. Hard rubber balls soar freely above the artificial turf, propelled by panting young athletes wearing pads and wielding basket-tipped lances.

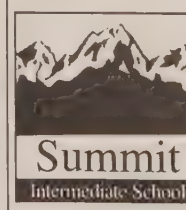
A full slate of games for the boys' varsity gets under way Saturday, with an all-day "jam" that will feature four games and eight schools. Berkeley, under coach Chris Sparhawk, will play a 9 a.m. scrimmage against St. Ignatius.

The Yellowjackets are returning six players, while the rest of the 21-man roster will be filled with players from last year's championship junior varsity team.

"The last two years in a row we went to the championship game and lost," he says. "There is much speculation about this year but...I couldn't care less. What we try to focus on is that the players are having fun, learning about lacrosse and learning lessons that carry over into their lives. If we win, great."

Sparhawk added he hopes a "pack the stands" day, planned for April 19, will bring 1,000 people and generate excitement for lacrosse. The team will play 1996 champ University High (San Francisco).

The boys JV team, coached by Jon Rubin, hosted its own opening event last week with a five-game jam at



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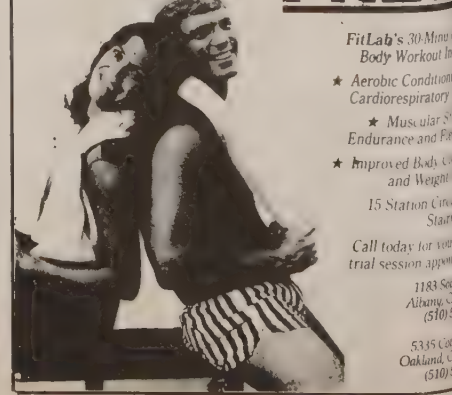
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Karen Senzig

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Our notable restaurant columnist Frosene Phillips owns a "classic" (just another word for old and paid for) 280Z, early 70's vintage and she loves that car. Unfortunately in the last few months she has attracted more dings and dents by hit and run (thank-you-very-much-but-you-could-leave-a-note-type) than anyone deserves in a lifetime of driving.

3) AAA suspends your towing privileges for

exceeding the maximum tows in one year.

I think the maximum is 7 or 8 tows. I remember in 1987 when I was working for the Old Oakland Tribune and driving a 1980 Volkswagen Vanagon Camper Van. I broke down so often on I-580 that other advertising staff members (driving by on their way back to the office or to a sales call) would stop and offer to call AAA for me. That's the year I discovered how many parts could break in a car. After replacing the engine that year (resulting in 3 of the tows), I proceeded to break the clutch, an axle, the starter, the muffler (ac-

tually the entire exhaust system) and the driver's chair. (I won't even go into the problems with the refrigerator.) The next year we bought the "good" car, a 1988 Volkswagen Jetta.

4) You are shopping for your 36 set of 50,000 mile tires.

If I buy the tires that I "should" put on the car, they would cost as much as the value left in the car (just ask my insurance agent about value). If I buy the cheaper tires, I've been told that I'll be dissatisfied with their performance. In the meantime, I'll get more of that Fix-A-Flat stuff and

limp along awhile longer.

5) When your annual registration renewal cost from the DMV drops below \$10.

Should you ever find yourself in this situation, you have a really old "classic" or clunker. Nevertheless, depending on your definition, it probably is time to venture out there and buy a new car.

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Martin Snapp

Lo-Cal No Longer: The bureaucrats have struck again.

The other day I was in Walker's Pie Shop, that little bit of America nestled right next door to Berkeley, and lo! The "Lo-Cal Lunch Plate" is no longer on the menu! Actually, you can still get it. But you have to look carefully, because now it's listed as the "****Plate."

Reason: The Food and Drug Administration, in its infinite wisdom, has decreed that if a restaurant, no matter how small, makes a "nutrition claim" for a dish — even if all it does is put little hearts next to them — it must have a printed nutritional analysis for that claim.

This is a total pain in the neck, as well as the pocketbook, so owners Doug & Dolly Walker simply changed the name. By not calling it "lo-cal," they don't have to prove it.

It reminds me of Berkeley chocolatier Lisa Lerner's end-run a couple of years ago around Gov. Pete Wilson's "snack tax." One of the items on the taxable list was, Lerner's specialty, chocolate truffles. So she changed the name to "mousse balls," which, of course, were not on the list. And a truffle by any other name still tastes as sweet.

Sauce For The Goose: Still feeling smug about our victory in bringing back The History Channel? "That's all very well for you folks in Berkeley and El Cerrito," says Paul Murray of Albany. "But here in Albany, we still can't get The History Channel because we're on a different cable system. As long as you're leading a crusade, how about including us?"

Nuff said, Paul. OK, folks, get those cards and letters going to Century Communications, 992 San Pablo Ave., Albany CA 94706. Or call them at 525-9567. They're pretty open to public input, so it's worth the trouble to make the call.

Only-in-Berkeley sight spotted on (where else?) Telegraph Avenue: a panhandler holding a fishing pole, with a yon cop at the end of the line. As passers-by drop coins in the cup, he ceremoniously hauls in his catch. . . Pet owners sure look out for each other. I parked my car in a 30-minute meter on Solano Avenue. When I got back a half-hour later, there were still 30 minutes in the meter and a charming standard Schnauzer tied to the meter stand. Obviously the owner saw my license plate — CATMAN 1 — and decided that this was a safe car to leave his/her pet near. And seeing that I was about to run out of time, he/she filled up my meter again. Whoever you are, Schnauzer owner, Catman says thanks. . . Oops! Did I refer a few months ago to "the late" Morris Udall? The folks at the local chapter of the Parkinson's Disease Association (for whom Udall, a Parkinson's patient, is a national spokesman) inform me that like Mark Twain, my report of Mo's demise was entirely premature. Glad to hear it; the courtly, witty Udall has long been one of my favorites. . . Speaking of boo-boos, I had the right sentiment but the wrong date last week when I wrote about the upcoming visit of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. It'll actually be in beautiful downtown Berkeley March 20-22. . . Talk about radical chic! The Gold Coast restaurant in San Francisco is protesting the ban on trade with Cuba by hosting "An Illicit Evening" of smoking Cuban cigars, which are on the U.S. government's no-no list. They're not supplying the illegal stogies, mind you, but they're encouraging patrons to bring their own. Cost for the evening: \$100 per person. Arise ye workers of the world: You have nothing to lose but your gold chains.

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Keystone Krooks: Finally, we introduce what I hope will be a regular feature of this column: The Dumb Crook of the Month award.

Our first winner, courtesy of our friends at the Oakland Police Department, is the sad tale of the unnamed robber who walked into a Burger King one morning, flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down, explaining, "I can't open the cash register without a food order."

So the man ordered onion rings.

"I'm sorry, sir," said the clerk. "Onion rings aren't available until after Noon."

Frustrated, the would-be robber walked away.

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Workshop

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proposed 170 units; 200 units were included in the 1994 Environmental Impact Report on the plaza. Now, only undefined footprints are included in the site plan.)

A parking garage structure would be constructed, but surface parking would also be utilized — in several small areas rather than in one large mass. Conventional street parking would also be a part of the mix.

"They defined streets coming into what would be something of a town center, with retail and housing lining it," said Redevelopment Agency Chair Mae Ritz.

"It looks good to me," she said. "The surface parking is divided up into several areas within the plaza where you can park. . . It's giving us more of a city feel; it's not just a level piece of ground with lots of stuff on it."

"It's like a plaza in the true sense of the word," said RAC Chair John Baker. "It's a concept that has worked well in places like Sonoma and Healdsburg, a plaza area that provides a focal point for the community."

"This will create a downtown focus for El Cerrito." At the same time, agency board members have consistently said that the site plans presented by developers are flexible and will by necessity change over time. They set willingness to work with the community (including a good track record in doing that), responsiveness to South Gateway Development Area planning concepts and financial wherewithal as the highest priorities in choosing a development team.

Mayor Norma Jellison, for example, said several times in public meetings that she was looking at the site plans as a demonstration of some of those qualities. Any specifics, she said, would change.

As Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft sees it, the site plan originally turned in was "to some extent a tool used to measure the developer's responsiveness to the South Gateway concept plan."

"At this point, it's another piece of the overall puzzle," he said. "Community input, the RAC input we got Monday night, the concept plan, market conditions, they're all part of the puzzle."

"All those things get stirred into the mix, and hopefully, we'll be able to produce something that takes everything into account."

Committee

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ing, which she felt produced a good interchange of ideas. Team representatives, she said, posted a chart on which were listed the development principles constructed by the South Gateway Development Area workshop participants. They then illustrated how they believe the site plan renderings respond to those principles, asking the committee members if their perception of the principles had been correct.

The presentation, she said, was "well-received." Ritz said Lloyd Goto of Wilton and his architect were responsive to questions and to the RAC members' request for renderings with greater "dimension," that would make them more accessible to the public.

She said the team representatives were asked to respond to 10 issues by Saturday. Ritz, too, listed street impacts and tenant issues as among the most discussed concerns. (There was particular concern about the future

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plained that, as a result of Rule 20a, the city currently has \$566,000 available to underground utilities. The city can also use next year's allocation of \$110,000, as well as those for three years beyond that to pursue such a project.

While homeowners will pay nothing for the undergrounding itself, they will have to pay to have the new utilities connected to their homes. In some cases, such as when a new service panel has to be installed, the cost could reach as high as \$1,500, Ekern said. The benefits will be primarily aesthetic, although in the case of Marin Avenue, they would also have allowed trees in the area to grow unfettered to their full height.

As the council discussion of the issue began, Baker pointed out that, in 1988, there was a good deal of homeowner interest in undergrounding utilities on Peralta Avenue. Attempting to interrupt her, Traffic and Safety Commission Chair Evan Flavell called for a point of order but was not allowed to speak.

High School

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Memorial Park or placing portable classrooms on Cougar Field.

McManus said the group is "putting together a draft proposal containing options for each of those sites. If the task force accepts those, we'll then move into the phase of having some design work done and then some costing."

While the main classroom building and gymnasium will likely be out of commission, McManus was quick to point out that the new portion of the school, including the Little Theater, theater arts, industrial arts and music classroom will still be available for use.

School Board President Marsha Skinner explained the board's reasoning in looking at relocation options.

"The state would support our doing nothing. Our feeling when we started this process was that was not what voters and parents wanted us to do," she said.

In terms of getting information to parents, anxiety over the issue was apparently sparked by information from the AHS bulletin read over the intercom to high school

Organize

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the process with everyone in the community," she said. "...I think that's actually what the community and the plaza tenants want us to do, as long as everyone has an opportunity to participate."

Ritz has only about nine months left before she leaves the council but hopes to continue work on the community's feelings about redevelopment in El Cerrito.

"I think the whole area of redevelopment will be on the minds of El Cerritans from now on," she said. "Whether people's thoughts are positive or negative, they're interested. They're coming to meetings, they're telling us what they think."

"I think we have to deal with the negativity we're hearing. . . From my perspective, I think we need to be as straightforward as we can be with people."

Specifically, Ritz said she wants the community to have access to all information that is not confiden-

Raycraft hopes the Saturday session will produce "some ideas the architect and development team can take and incorporate with market conditions in order to come up with a site plan that responds to both those conditions and, to every extent possible, to the community's desires."

"We're excited about the level of interest and receptivity shown by the developer," he said.

Agency boardmember Jane Bartke agreed. She said team members were "on the phone the next morning" after Wilton-Terranomics was chosen, talking with plaza tenants about the plan and obtaining their input. She sees that as a positive sign that community input is valued.

"We picked the right developer," she said.

"We view a developer not simply as a developer but as a partner in this effort with the agency and the community," said Raycraft. "Everyone's part of the team."

Earlier this week, he placed Saturday's meeting into the larger development context.

"This is part of the input phase," he said. "The RAC meeting (Monday) night, the community meeting Saturday, the agency board meeting Monday, these are all input meetings designed to gather community input, ideas, issues and concerns."

"Those will be taken back by our partners in this venture, the developer and his architects, who will begin to work up something more concrete with respect to a site plan. That will come back again on a formal level to the Redevelopment Agency."

He expected that formal presentation to take place March 17.

When asked if things are moving rather quickly, Raycraft responded, "Ultimately, the council has said, we've done a lot of community planning, we've held workshops, we've tried to respond. Now it's time to move ahead."

"You have to remember that this community planning process began in late 1995 when the UC Berkeley graduate class in urban planning did a study on the plaza and showed slides (in a report to the council). It's interesting that many of their goals and conclusions were reflected in the concept plan developed in the South Gateway planning process."

"We think those goals and concepts evolved through

of current tenants.) She also said questions continue among RAC members as to how much housing is really needed at the plaza.

"People are concerned about the number of houses to be built," said RAC Chair John Baker, adding, "it's always been my belief that some housing will be incorporated. That's the nature of the beast. The project has to be funded, and housing is one way to do that."

(Land to be used for housing usually gains more disposable dollars for developers than commercial property.)

Baker was generally pleased with the developer's approach to housing, which he said would "form a nice blend between residential and commercial" as something of an "extension of Albany."

He also felt his own questions about traffic impacts were answered well by the developer, who told the committee "there are ways to slow down traffic."

Baker's main concern is that the streets would become

those two activities and will continue to be ultimately developed. The process is quick now, but it's really just moving forward.

"We believe the plaza merchants and residents will appreciate it if we move along quickly."

There are many legal and property questions to be answered before anything happens at the plaza, but Raycraft said those issues are being worked on.

"We're not even in a formal agreement with the developer," he said. "We're still negotiating that."

If an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement was proved at the agency's March 3 meeting, Development and Disposition Agreements would be undertaken for several months. In the meantime, Terranomics will need to analyze the financial aspects of its site plan, begin to market the site, and site work (after gaining rights of entry from owners).

Raycraft said notices concerning the site plan have been sent to all property owners in the plaza and to all interested parties (including those who at least one SGDA planning workshop).

Lloyd Goto from Wilton is scheduled to meet with several other team members, architects and those involved with retail. Goto has added on a second architect in retail development with ELS architects. Raycraft finds it a "positive move."

The architect, he said, "seems more sensitive to planning issues, rather than just being a shopping centers."

The session will be facilitated by Bruce Studios, also hired as the consultant for the shops last spring. Fairmont School is located on Kearney Street. The session is scheduled for March 17.

"I hope everyone comes Saturday to participate," said Ritz. "This is the chance (Agency) input, to see what's presented, and like it or don't like it, and to give suggestions on what can be changed."

"like Richmond Street," used as a quick reference from BART to Albany.

"How to keep the old tenants" was also on the committee, he said, as was the nature of the businesses to be courted.

"We want to stay away from 99-cent-type stores," said. "We hope to see something like the El Cerrito in size but in quality."

Baker is attracted to the downtown-like feel of the center, as proposed by Wilton-Terranomics believes it will work well in meeting the demands of the future.

"The layout as it is presented now will present having to go through a 33-acre problem area," he said. "We can work on a block that needs change without disrupting the rest of the block."

"We can make adjustments to meet the economic situation without disrupting a 33-acre area using megabucks (that come from) the tax-

Avenue, began counting lots on a map submitted as part of a staff report, and wondered if he too might have

"Maybe we should all go home and let Bob Goto and Jon decide," Mast said.

After a brief history of undergrounding, Flavell, who cited the Buchanan/Pierce area as a case study, Mast continued to wonder if he might conflict.

"If you feel you should recuse yourself from going to stop you," Good said, adding that, if the case, Mast should stop talking because "the more the worse it gets."

Albany resident Bob Outis, who lives on Marin Avenue, said that as there are some 25 or 30 properties running near his house, he would "love" to see utilities on his street undergrounded as well.

Fields, who also lives on Ventura, jokingly be happy to work with Outis on such a project, council, however, chose to go with Buchanan's staff to begin the process by a 5-0 vote.

PTA will hold a community meeting on March 17 at 7 p.m. at the high school to discuss the issues in the

PTA Vice President Rondi Hurlbut said she wants to "inform parents about what we know and to try to stave off some of the problems we have with middle school and parents not knowing what's going on. We feel the entire community needs to know going on and how the process is taking place."

Hurlbut added that Director of Curriculum, Hubbard, Mayor Bob Good, Skinner and others attend the meeting to help disseminate information.

In addition, Skinner noted that parents of the students should receive a mailing explaining the process so far.

As far as how long it will take to rebuild the school, Boardmember Bill Cain noted that on all construction could take two to three years and would not include time to secure funding, design and build the new building. Funding for the project will part from the district's \$31.6 million bond, but the will need funds from the state to complete the

Norma Jellison retains her position as mayor (Jellison took over as mayor in August, when mayor Cathie Kosel moved away from the city.) She will hold the position only until the next election. She will then have completed her term on the council; Ritz, who was appointed to the council one year before her own first election, will finish her period of service — after nine years.

Norman La Force and Jane Bartke have two years to serve on their second terms after Norma La Force was named mayor pro tem on September 1. Based on historical precedent, he will likely be named mayor in November; the top vote-getter in the election, as La Force was two years ago, is not elected as mayor by the council.

Historical precedent would also have Jellison the new Agency chair as outgoing mayor. Since she is leaving the council, however, the chair will remain undecided until after the election.

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East Bay Events

Tribute to the international community

The International Institute of the East Bay will honor community members on Friday, Feb. 28 from 6-9 pm at the International House, UC Berkeley. The event will pay tribute to the Bay Area's international community and recognize the strengths and contributions newcomers have made to the United States. The ceremony will be hosted by Rosy Chu, Bay Area People on KTVU, channel 24. Among those who will be honored this year are Yoshi Akiba, owner/founder of Yoshi's in Oakland; Ignacio de la Fuente, Supervisor, Oakland City Council; and Berkeley's Ann Lenway, Bay Area philanthropist.

Gay and Lesbian Conference

The first publicly acknowledged gay or lesbian on the federal circuit is an African American, Judge Deborah A. Batts, will be the keynote speaker at "Expanding The Definition of Civil Rights: Can the Supreme Court Be a Catalyst for Linking Gay Rights to Other Rights?" The forum, which is free and open to the public, also includes a panel discussion on Race and Sexual Orientation in the Law. Judge Batts, who sits on the Second Circuit, Southern District of New York. Jon W. Davidson, a Supervising Attorney for the LAMDA Defense and Education Fund, who worked on the Romer v. Evans case, which overturned Colorado's Amendment 2. This event is co-sponsored by the Boalt Hall Law Students of African Descent and the Bay Area Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus.

Regional Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

A different version of basketball's March Madness will be under way on March 1 and 2 at UC Berkeley's Recreational Sports Facility. Wheelchair athletes from throughout the west will compete in the Golden Gate Challenge—a regional basketball tournament that will feature two teams to face the National Wheelchair Basketball Championship. The Bay Area will be represented by the Bay Area Outreach Recreation Program's team, the "Bay Cruisers," who finished first in last year's national championships. Spectators are welcome between 10 am and 6 pm. For more information, call 849-



Hackman and Judy Davis in *Absolute Power*

Clint Eastwood's 'Absolute Power'—moving right along

Renata Polt

was Lord Acton who said, "He who tends to corrupt and absorb power corrupts absolutely." In Clint Eastwood's *Absolute Power*, the President of the United States, played by Gene Hackman, may not have "absolute power," but he certainly is corrupt. He drinks too much. He has his wife. Prefers his sex life to his job. And, of course, lies to cover up his sins.

When Whitney (Eastwood), on the other hand, is a career thief, but with a conscience. When Luther, a brilliant and methodical craftsman, is hired into the mansion of the President's supposed best friend and advisor, Walter Sullivan (Gene Hackman), he suddenly finds himself the witness to the President's involvement in a nasty imbroglio that leads to the woman's death.

The cover-up is handled by the President's Chief of Staff, Gloria (Judy Davis) and her most trusted aide (Luther-like) and two Secret Service guys, played by Scott Glenn and Dennis Haysbert. Luther sees the whole thing from behind a two-way mirror, his face alternating between embarrassment and horror. It's one of this movie's most revealing moments, giving Eastwood a chance to play his low-key but persuasive character.

Though Luther has the goods—money, in terms of concrete evidence on the President, it's his character of his gentlemanly nature that makes him a suspect for blackmail. Immediately, Luther begins a sly cat-and-mouse game with Homicide Detective Seth Frank (Ed Harris); a card-carrying senior citi-

zen would be incapable of breaking into a house and then *rapelling down its side* for his getaway, he points out.

Eastwood, who not only stars in the film but also produced and directed and composed two musical numbers, gives similarly Superman-like qualities to his character. Not only an art-lover but a talented artist himself, he's also a master at disguise who can pop up just about anywhere, seemingly out of the blue.

Plus, he's a *mensch* who loves his estranged daughter Kate (Laura Linney), a prosecutor still resentful of having been the "only kid on Show and Tell to talk about visiting day." Above all, he's courageous (he'll stay and fight the President and his gang instead of running) and honorable (he berates himself for having done nothing to try to save the murdered woman). Okay, Clint—enough overkill.

Absolute Power avoids the genre's usual reliance on car chases and explosions; even its killings have no more than the barest essential amount of blood. Instead, there's plenty of wit. A scene in which the President and his Chief of Staff dance together in the White House, laughing and seemingly enjoying themselves while actually discussing the grim reality that they may soon both be found out, should become a classic.

The film, adapted by William Goldman (*Butch Cassidy, All the President's Men*) from the novel by David Baldacci, plays on the American distrust of politicians and admiration for outlaw loners. Revenge as a motive is a central theme and so long as it's against the correct person-approved of.

Like other Eastwood films, *Absolute Power* is dark and brooding. Look sharp or you might miss something important.

This Weekend: Klezmer and Jewish Fests

by Carol Egan

The first week of March marks the date for two exciting events devoted to Jewish music: the Jewish Music Festival, sponsored by the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, and the Klezmerfest, a benefit concert and dance presented by the Kehilla Synagogue Homeless Action Committee.

Coordinating their activities, the Twelfth Annual Jewish Music Festival takes place Sunday, March 2 through Thursday, March 6, ending with a final concert on Sunday, March 9. Though some events will be held at the BRJCC, located at 1414 Walnut Street in Berkeley, others will occur at a variety of venues around Berkeley. The Klezmerfest takes place Saturday, March 8, 7:30pm, at the Oakland Masonic Temple, 3903 Broadway (at 40th).

Klezmerfest '97 is the main fundraiser for a series of programs that provide direct services, such as housing, job training, and childcare for homeless and formerly homeless persons. Now in its fourth year, this popular event offers the opportunity to not only hear some of the finest Klezmer music available, it also offers the chance to dance, with instruction provided by Erik Bendix. This year's list of partici-

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Gospel Rocks Zellerbach



Clarence Fountain, front, as Oedipus in *Gospel at Colonus*.

by Carol Egan

What do you get when you combine soulful Gospel singing with a heart-rending Greek tragedy? An evening of tears, joy and, ultimately, catharsis, that's what. The event in question, *The Gospel at Colonus*, is taking place this week (through March 2) at Zellerbach Playhouse, with performances tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Writer/director Lee Breuer conceived the play in 1981. As founder of the Mabou Mines, an avant-garde theater ensemble based in New York, Breuer was familiar with theatrical experimentation. After being workshopped in France and England, *The Gospel at Colonus* opened at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in 1983. Since that time it has been seen on Broadway and has toured the U.S. extensively. It has won numerous awards including an Obie for outstanding musical in 1984.

In creating this work Breuer took Sophocles' final drama, *Oedipus at Colonus*, added some portions of *Antigone* and *Oedipus Rex* (two earlier Sophocles tragedies), and wove it into the context of a sermon delivered in an African-American Pentecostal church. The presentation is, of

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Unconventional Macbeth at the Rep

Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, directed by Tony Taccone, at Berkeley Repertory Theatre through April 4.

by Don McConnell

Tony Taccone's production of *Macbeth* has the modern attention span in mind. Pared to two and one-quarter hours, including intermission, it still squeezes in all the greatest hits of a play as well known and often quoted as any in the language.

The streamlining increases the impact of a tale that is already brutal. Much of the play's impact comes not from what the Macbeths do—i.e., start killing nearly indiscriminately—but how easily they fall into it. These early scenes seemed to speed by, so that before you could take a breath, the murder had been predicted, planned and carried out.

The first chance to breathe, to get away from the Macbeths, comes in the scene with the gatekeeper, who takes forever to wake up and respond to knocks at the gate. Taccone had Charles Dean play the scene at a crawl, underscoring the contrast, and making it a welcome break. The rest of the evening too was marked by this attention pacing.

The impact was increased by the unusual skill of its *Macbeth*, Carl Lumbly, in making the language comprehensible. It's no secret that Shakespeare's language continues to

drift away from ours. Except in the speeches and passages the playgoer has more or less memorized, a good percentage of every speech is gibberish. Nearly every sentence drifts in and out of comprehensibility. Lumbly seemed to split up speeches into expressible units and delivered them with a care that almost seemed his main focus. It was very welcome.

Less successful at this was Lisa Wolpe as Lady Macbeth, though Wolpe was otherwise quite charismatic in the role. Her various invocations to evil were spooky and effective.

The production makes the play a generational dispute. With Duncan a silver-haired, portly, and civilized king, and Macbeth a fire-breathing young warrior, it seems natural that Macbeth would think of displacing Duncan sooner or later. Joe Vincent is a grand, leonine Duncan, an effect aided by his embroidered velvet coat.

The setting is transferred to an eclectic neverland located somewhere between Egypt and India. The costumes by Gabriel Berry combine elements of Asian courtly dress with parts of World War II-era field uniforms. Macbeth in full armor combined Persian and Japanese touches, with no modern elements, and looked good.

Poor Macduff (David Drummond) had a sort of medieval tunic over which was draped a khaki coat slit vertically into narrow panels. This

was the least successful; when Drummond leans over at the news of his family's murder, he looks like a couch with a loose slipcover. But in general, the minimalist production was beautiful to look at.

The two settings—basically interior and exterior—were featureless: no stage furnishings whatsoever in most of the interior scenes, and no pretense that the exteriors are taking place in nature. Yet the visual effect was nearly always pleasing.

The interior setting has muted wall paintings like an Egyptian tomb. The backdrop for the exteriors was a wall of metal plates like a battleship. The sets are by Christopher Barreca.

The credits list both a composer (Larry Delinger) and sound designer (Stephen LeGrand). However the responsibility is shared, the production integrated sound to a degree that approached the operatic. For instance, the major soliloquies are accompanied by a variety of low-pitched rhythms, some like martial drum beats, others like an eerie throbbing. The effect is the same as a Veridian ostinato; you expect Lady Macbeth to start singing.

Many scenes were introduced or punctuated by sound effects, some as simple as rhythmic clapping by those on stage. And in many scenes, the use of sound was a major part of the scene's impact.

Some things were less successful. Except for the actors already mentioned, the cast seemed too young—more a matter of acting style than of actual age (though some scenes had the air of a college production). Drummond, for instance, though old enough to be the family-man Macduff of the script, seemed to be mimicking the movements and speech patterns of an older man. Several others had a tinge of this too.

The witches were handled with wonderful creativity. They were a shifting cast of four or five men and women. Sometimes those on stage weren't actually producing the words. In their final scene, they all spoke at once, producing the standard voice of space aliens in movies. Unfortunately, not a word of this scene could be understood. It didn't matter. If you don't know about Bimam wood, you cut too many classes in high school.

Macbeth is performed at 8 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, through April 4. There are extra matinees at 2 p.m. on three Saturdays (March 1, 8 and 22) and three Thursdays (today, March 13 and 27). There are post-show discussions March 13 and 28, April 1 and 4. The Berkeley Repertory is at 2025 Addison St. Tickets are \$30 to \$39, with some discounts. Call 845-4700.

Book Beat: A compelling history of tourism

Grand Tours and Cook's Tours: A History of Leisure Travel, 1750 to 1915, by Lynne Withey, William Morrow and Company, 344 pp. plus index and black-and-white plates, \$30.

by W. E. Reinka

If you want to show a visitor a special time, don't offer the Cook's Tour. Instead, draw inspiration from César Ritz, the Swiss hotelier who set new standards for travel luxury and service and lent "ritzy" to the world's vocabulary.

In her new history of leisure travel Lynne Withey, who earned a Ph.D. in history from UC Berkeley and now serves as associate director of the UC Press, not only introduces the man who first put on the Ritz; she also explains that Cook's Tours were actually budget tours. As the world's first travel agent, Thomas Cook graduated from organizing short hauls to temperance rallies around the English Midlands to offering excursions for working class travelers to London's Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. "Railway traveling is traveling for the millions," he declared en route to building a worldwide organization. Forty years after those early temperance excursions, Cook opened an office in Bombay and promptly began low-cost, 120-mile jaunts for middle-class Indians between Bombay and Poona.

"Relatively few people undertook long journeys for recreation before the eighteenth century," Withey explains in the preface to this splendid history. For her study she distinguishes travel from the broader category of vacation trips (seaside outings and such) to follow her interest in "recording how travelers responded to cultures quite different from their own."

In the eighteenth century, early leisure travelers were mainly young British gentlemen sent on tour to enhance their education and social graces. They followed a more or less set route (the Grand Tour) through the Continent, presenting themselves to court and society in the prescribed fashion. Most travel accounts until the middle of the nineteenth century are British. Quite simply, more British had the money

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Carl Lumbly plays the title role in *Macbeth*.

Festivals

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pating artists includes Ellis Island and California Klezmer, as well as violinist Noah Bendix-Balgley.

Highlights of the Jewish Music Festival include an evening with famed Yiddish music specialist, Zalmen Mlotek, musical director of *Schlemiel the First* (March 6, 7:30pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Avenue); "The Art of the Cantor," a cantorial concert featuring esteemed Moroccan-born Aaron Bensoussan (March 2, 7:30pm, International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue); and an afternoon of Yiddish music entitled "Songs My Father Taught Me," with Sylvie Braitman, accompanied by members of Masada (March 3, 1:30pm, BRJCC).

Additional events will include a special Children's Concert and Dinner featuring singer/songwriter and recording artist, Fran Avni (March 4, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm concert, BRJCC); a Klezmer Jam and Workshop with Gerry Tenney (March 5, 7:00pm, BRJCC); and an evening of jazz and blues with blues pianist Hurricane Sam, Jeremy Cohen, Richard Kaplan and Frederic Zimmerman. They will offer improvisations on Jewish Themes, with each musician featured in an individual set. (March 9, 7:30pm, St. John's Presbyterian Church).

Zalmen Mlotek, one of this year's featured artists, is a world authority on Yiddish folk and theatre music. He brought Yiddish-Klezmer music to Broadway and off-Broadway stages as co-creator, music director and conductor for *Those Were the Days* (nominated for two Tony awards in 1991), *The Golden Land* and *On Second Avenue*. He also produced the first All Star Klezmer Extravaganza at Lincoln Center, which was fea-

tured in Itzhak Perlman's best-selling video, *In the Fiddler's House*.

Mlotek's lecture-recital, "From the Music of the Yiddish Stage to the Klezmer Revival," will offer an historical overview of the origins of the Yiddish theatre in Europe and America, providing musical examples with the assistance of Sylvie Braitman, mezzo-soprano, and Daniel Hoffman, violinist. It will show the influences, including that of European operetta, on Yiddish music and, in turn, the influence Yiddish music had on Tin Pan Alley and American popular songs. The lecture-recital will conclude with a look at the worldwide revival of Klezmer music from Eastern Europe. That soulful, captivating dance music could be heard recently in ACT's production of *Schlemiel the First*, for which Zalmen Mlotek did the musical arrangements.

Mlotek received his MFA in orchestral conducting and opera studies from the State University of New York at Purchase. He did post-graduate work at the Juilliard School and the New England Conservatory, and studied at Tanglewood under the late Leonard Bernstein. He has given master classes in Yiddish music at Columbia University, Hebrew Union College and KlezKamp, and performed at festivals in Amsterdam, Paris, Cracow, and Berlin. Mlotek is currently on the faculty of Yeshiva University.

Tickets for the Klezmerfest may be ordered in advance by sending a check payable to Kehilla Homeless Committee, 3650 Lily Street, Oakland, CA 94619 or purchased from Afikomen Bookstore, 3042 Claremont Avenue, Berkeley. Ticket reservations for the Jewish Music Festival events may be made by calling the BRJCC at 848-0237.

Gospel

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course, mostly musical, with a hand-clapping, toe-tapping score composed by Bob Telson. The role of the classic Greek chorus is played by the Olivet Mass Choir of Oakland (in each city visited by the touring company, a local choir participates), directed by Greg Hunter. Hunter also proves a significant talent in singing and dancing as well as conducting.

The play's single set by Alison Yerxa is bounded by a choir stall on risers to the left and a platform with a white grand piano on the right. Between them is a passageway from which the musicians, under the direction of composer Telson, can be heard playing. More visible is the organist located far left at the edge of the wings. The backdrop is a magical cyclorama depicting a landscape—almost lunar in its appearance—that seems to be falling sideways beneath turbulent clouds and fantastic beings in flight.

Additional production elements of note are the costumes, originally designed by Gretta Hynd, which combine elements of classical Greek drapings and head adornments with African fabrics and styles. The lighting, originally designed by Rick Paulsen, brings out the brilliance of colors in both costumes and set alike.

Exceptional performances abound in this production, from the major characters down to the youngest choir member. Principals in the cast include Emmy and Obie Award-winner Roscoe Lee Browne as The Messenger, Clarence Fountain and the Blind Boys of Alabama as Oedipus, Bernadine Mitchell and Shari A.

Seals as the loyal and loving daughters/sisters, Antigone and Ismene.

Additional characters are played by Kevin Davis as Polynices, Oedipus' unfaithful son; Jay Caldwell as Creon, King of Thebes; the Rev. Carl Williams, Jr. as Theseus, King of Athens; and The Original Soul Stirrers (Martin Jacox, Willie Rogers, Ben Odum, and Michael Grady) as Choragos. Further outstanding vocal solos are performed by Carolyn Johnson-White and Josie Johnson.

The production enjoys many musical highlights, not the least of which is the presence of the legendary Clarence Fountain and the Blind Boys of Alabama. The group was formed at Talledega, Alabama's Institute for the Deaf and Blind, nearly 60 years ago, and the road to success has long and hard. But, despite tragedies and losses along the way, Fountain and partners persevered and within the last decade finally won the recognition they so richly deserved.

Word of advice: The ancient story of Oedipus bears rereading in any event, but it is particularly helpful as preparation for this show. Since much of the story unfolds through song, one runs the risk of missing key points. The double impact of the resolution of Oedipus' terrible fate combined with the building tension of the sermons finally reaches a climactic ending that brings peace and—dare I say it?—a happy end to a tragic story.

If you love a good story, brilliant music, great performers, or any of the above, hurry to get your tickets now before it's too late.

Berkeley TV—Channel 25

Berkeley Community Media (B-TV), Channel 25 evening programming repeats the following morning programming not listed; please check on-air program.

Thursday Feb. 27, 1997

First Time Access Producers—6 p.m.; 11:30 p.m.

A Boy & His Dog—6:30 p.m.

Video Feedback—8 p.m.

XTV (experimental tv)—8:30 p.m.

Conversations—9:30 p.m.

On The Move—11 p.m.

Friday Feb. 28, 1997

First Time Access Producers—6 p.m.

Bay Area Country Videos—6:30 p.m.

Video Pal Italia—7 p.m.

Wee Poets—7:30 p.m.

A Touch of A Poet (episode 6)—8 p.m.

El Ojo—8:30 p.m.

The Coffeehouse—9 p.m.

The Green Room—10 p.m.

Art & Education Media—11:30 p.m.

Saturday Mar. 1, 1997

First Time Access Producers—9 a.m.

Bay Area Country Videos—9:30 a.m.

Video Pal Italia—10 a.m.

Wee Poets—10:30 a.m.

The Coffeehouse—11 a.m.

A Touch of A Poet (episode 6)—12 p.m.

Who's In My Kitchen—6 p.m.

On The Move—7 p.m.

Bay Views—7:30 p.m.

Talks by Michael Parenti—9 p.m.

Live with Rick Sylva—11 p.m.

Video Rock Central—11:30 p.m.

Sunday Mar. 2, 1997

Berkeley City Council Meeting (repeat from 2/25/97)—9 a.m.

Race Relations in the 90's—7 p.m.

Monday Mar. 3, 1997

First Time Access Producers—6 p.m.

Mystic Cross—6:30 p.m.

Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Meeting (LIVE)—7 p.m.

Tuesday Mar. 4, 1997

First Time Access Producers—6 p.m.

Berkeley City Council Meeting (LIVE)—7 p.m.

Wednesday Mar. 5, 1997

First Time Access Producers—6 p.m.

Culture Shock—6:30 p.m.

Berkeley Unified School District Board Meeting—7:15 p.m.

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1111 Addison St., Berkeley; \$9.50/\$10.50; 548-1761

The Yellowjackets: fusion-jazz group; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; \$18 (Tues., Wed., Thur.) \$22 (Fri., Sat., Sun.); 652-9200

Gospel Extravaganza: 8 pm; International House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley; \$2; 642-9460 Feb. 28

The Red Note Quintet: 9:30 pm-1:30 am; Jazz at Pearl's, Columbus at Broadway; no cover, 2 drink minimum

The Berkeley Schubert Quartet: 8 pm; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; \$20/\$17/\$10; 528-1725

Los Angeles: 9:30 pm; Latin/funk/soul/R&B; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$5; 848-0886

Amanda Poets: 9 pm; danceable mix of rhythms w/ lyrics in Xhosa, Zulu and English; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$8; 849-2569

Petrol Ciao Bella: 9:45 pm; The Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$5; 841-2082

Cats & Jammers: 8:30 pm; swing jazz; Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; \$12.50/\$13.50; 548-1761

University Symphony Orchestra: 8 pm; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley campus, on Bancroft Way and College Ave.; \$8; 642-9988

The Yellowjackets: fusion-jazz group; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; \$18 (Tues., Wed., Thur.) \$22 (Fri., Sat., Sun.); 652-9200

Josh Jones Ensemble featuring Scherzade: 9 pm; Jupiter, 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$10/THE-TAPS

Young People's Symphony Orchestra: 8 pm; Spring Concert; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 849-9776 for tickets

Dig w/Moe's Kitchen: 9:30 pm; Hip Bop/funk/soul/jazz; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$5; 848-0886

Peggy Seeger: 8:30 pm; folk and traditional; Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; \$11.50/\$12.50; 548-1761

University Symphony Orchestra: 8 pm; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley campus, on Bancroft Way and College Ave.; \$8; 642-9988

The Yellowjackets: fusion-jazz group; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; \$18 (Tues., Wed., Thur.) \$22 (Fri., Sat., Sun.); 652-9200

True Hawaiian Heart or The Tropics: 8 pm; Templebar, 984 University Ave., Berkeley; 548-9888

Soul Attraction: Brennan's, 4th and University Ave., Berkeley; 841-0960

Memorial Scholarship Foundation Concert: 2:30 pm; among the competition winners are two young Berkeley musicians; Valley Center for the Performing Arts at Holy Names College

In Cathedral and Countryside: 8 pm with 7:30 pm preview lecture; First Congregational Church, Dana between Durant/Channing, Berkeley; \$15 general, \$12 students and seniors; 408/737-9950

Schubert Bicentennial: 5 pm; "The Wedding Roast and Lieder"; MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley; \$18/\$15/\$6; 528-1685 for reservations

Chamber Music Sundaes: 3 pm; San Francisco Symphony Musicians; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; \$13 general, \$10 students and seniors; 584-5946

St. John Passion: 3 pm; UC Berkeley

Chamber Chorus w/ Baroque Orchestra; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way at College; \$8/\$6/\$4, student, senior, disabled discounts; 642-9988

New Band Showcase w/ Fatty Lovebuckle: 9:30 pm; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$2; 848-0886

Sophia Bilides: 8 pm; Greek cabaret; Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; 548-1761

The Yellowjackets: fusion-jazz group; Yoshi's, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland; \$18 (Tues., Wed., Thur.) \$22 (Fri., Sat., Sun.); 652-9200

Aloha Sunday, True Hawaiian Heart: 3:30 pm; Templebar, 984 University Ave., Berkeley; 548-9888

The Art of Cantor: 7:30 pm; International House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley; \$14/\$15/\$18; 848-0237

Steve Gannon and the Monday Blues Jam: 9:30 pm; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$3; 848-0886

The Dead Experiment—DJ David Gans & Broken Angels: 9:30 pm; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$3; 848-0886

Funk N' Groove—DJ Ronnie R.: 9:30 pm; Blake's, 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; \$3; 848-0886

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure: 8:30 pm; Freight & Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley; 548-1761

Tania Johnson, Wayland Lee: 12:15-1 pm; American musical theater songs; Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley campus, on Bancroft Way and College Ave.; free; 642-9988

Ongoing Meetings

Feb. 27

Public Speaking Skills and Metaphysics: 6:15 p.m.; Avatar Toastmasters; every Thurs.; 2515 Hillegass & Dwight, Berkeley; 643-7645

Meeting Life Changes: 10 a.m.-noon; John Hammerman; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst (corner of MLK, Jr.), Berkeley; 644-6107

Mar. 4

Anorexia/Bulimia Group of Overeaters Anonymous: every Tues. at 7:30 pm; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley

Religion

Mar. 1

Silent Auction and Apollo Night: 3 pm; St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; 848-2050

Mar. 2

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: 9 am; "I don't do what I want. I do the very thing I hate." Rev. James Stickey; 1501 Washington Ave., Albany; 525-1716

Mar. 5

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: 10:30 am; "Learning to Walk the Path to Change." Marianne Maggiorie; 1924 Cedar at Bonita St., Berkeley; 841-4824; children's program and childcare; 526-0972

Theater/Film/Dance

Feb. 27

Snow White: 10 am; Once Upon A Playhouse; Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; Thurs. & Fri. 10 am, Sat. 10:30 am and 1:30 pm; through Mar. 25; 415/789-8249

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A Midsummer Night's Dream: 8 pm; Center for Theater Arts, Berkeley; \$10 general admission; 642-9925

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McDuffie's El Cerrito office manager Marcia Schwartz congratulates Randy Morton for being Realtor of the Year honors from the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors.

Realtors honor Morton

Randy Morton of Mason McDuffie's El Cerrito office was named Realtor of the Year by the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors (WCCAR) at their Inaugural Luncheon held recently at His Lordship's restaurant in Berkeley.

This prestigious award is presented to Realtors based on their participation in the local association, their professionalism, their community service and civic participation.

After nearly twenty years in contracting, sales and marketing, Morton earned his real estate license in 1992. In each of his years in real estate, Morton has seen his business increase significantly.

A graduate of Mason-McDuffie's training program and W.I.N program, Morton has recently earned the Graduate Realtors Institute (GRI) designation. Morton was named to the 1996 Mason-McDuffie President's Club, a prestigious group of the company's top five percent of its 1400-plus agents.

According to Marcia J. Schwartz, El Cerrito office manager, "The President's Club represents the highest honor that Mason-McDuffie bestows upon its top agents."

Morton has also recently been named 1996 Top Lister for Mason McDuffie's El Cerrito office.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Morton is very active in the WCCAR. He is a director of the Association, a member of its BOPAC Committee, has served as Program Chair in 1995

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— MASON MCDUFFIE EL CERRITO OFFICE MANAGER SCHWARTZ

and 1996, and Golf Committee Chair.

Morton is a member of and treasurer for the El Cerrito Rotary Club and has served on the El Cerrito July 4th Committee, as an American Cancer Society "Daffodils Days" fundraiser and is a strong supporter of the Richmond Rescue Mission.

Besides his annual Cantree activities, Morton, an avid golfer, has played marathon 100 hole "Golf-

A-Thons" for the Rescue Mission. He is a director of the Mira Vista Golf & Country club. Most recently, Morton was named commissioner of the El Cerrito Civil Service Commission.

Present at the Realtor of the Year Awards in addition to the office manager were Mason-McDuffie's CEO and President A. David Cobo, Chief Operating Officer Ed Krafchow and General Sales Manager Lynn LeRoy.

"Your accomplishment is a reflection of your drive to serve at a higher level," Cobo said. "There is no greater living testimonial than to be acknowledged by your peers for the excellence that you bring forward in the great work that you do," Cobo concluded.

Mason-McDuffie Real Estate is proud of Randy Morton. "To me and many others Randy Morton personifies the best in a professional Realtor," said Schwartz.

"He models daily the way Realtors should look and act. He is generous to his colleagues, precise in his knowledge, active in his community and Association, and is a persistent advocate for his clients' best interest. Randy Morton makes me proud to be a member of this profession and this community of Realtors."

Are banks good neighbors?

By H. W. Moss

Five years ago Bank of America wanted to close their branch on Cortland Street in San Francisco's Bernal Heights district. But the community came together in an unusual show of combined force that brought merchants, neighbors and political activists young and old together. They succeeded in persuading one of the

nation's largest financial institutions to remain.

Today, Cortland Street is enjoying a financial renaissance and the BofA branch there has become one of that corporation's top ten performers in the area, according to Helen Helffer, executive director of the Bernal Heights Housing Corporation which helped fight the closing.

But the battle continues in many other parts of the country as the public becomes aware of the importance a bank branch has as a vital link to the economic health of a community. Where once bankers toiled in relative obscurity, they are now the center of attention when it comes to community involvement.

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Moss...

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Two more proposed BofA closures caused pickets and protesters to come out last week in Oakland and San Francisco as the bank began to eliminate 120 branches it announced last December.

Part of a worldwide reorganization, BofA is by no means the only lending institution attempting to make itself look good to investors. Yet, although mergers and competitive downsizing are common reasons for branch closures, truth is, the world is a much different place than that which spawned the sometimes contemptuous phrase, "keeping banker's hours."

These days banking can be done at any time of day or night. And our electronic age has made many of the services once available only from humans superfluous. The proliferation of automated teller machines, telebanking and banking through the Internet have come into existence and altered the need for individual offices. One of the latest twists is the placement of small branch offices inside supermarkets and malls.

On the other side, however, are those who insist that neighborhood bank branches are a necessity. In addition to the more obvious benefit which derives from the convenience of having an account near where you live or work, banks and savings and loans contribute to a community's economic infrastructure in many ways.

Critics of closures point out that telebanking and Internet access are simply too complicated for many retired people and not available to anyone who doesn't have a computer.

"The Internet is not valid as other points of access," said Alan Fisher, executive director of the California Reinvestment Committee (CRC) headquartered in San Francisco. "Banks say you can do banking with a PC and a modem and there's no problem with service, people can log on. If they're willing to give everyone in the community a computer that's workable with a modem, then I'd agree."

Another question Fisher raises is, "Do mini-branches in supermarkets really answer the needs of people?" The CRC is a watchdog agency which

closely follows and speaks up in favor of lending institution compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) of 1977. The CRA requires an institution to demonstrate compliance by detailing what they have done to make credit available in the communities where they do business.

First Nationwide, soon to change its name to California Federal, has been on a buying binge and last year took over San Francisco Federal. Concerned that the new owner might cease the positive involvement San Francisco Federal had made in housing development, the CRC recently signed an agreement with the new parent.

The bank agreed it will, for example, continue lending on multi-family housing and make loans as small as \$250,000 available. The bank will also increase its corporate grant making to nonprofit organizations involved with community or housing development.

Fisher and other activists point out that lending institutions are an integral part of the economic fabric and vitality of a community. Closing a bank branch sends a subtle message to potential businesses and a very overt one to existing merchants that the area may not be a good place to do business.

They note that bank buildings have but a single type of user until renovated. While vacant, these structures detract from the quality of the neighborhood and ground leases tend to spiral downward.

As mergers gobble up large and small institutions and Wall Street takes a look at a lender's bottom line, this sends the message that few is better and closures are good for business.

Communities must respond to that by saying no. Lenders can no longer arbitrarily close their doors and walk away. The public has come to learn it is not a one-way street. Disinvestment by lenders in urban centers should be fought and, as the Bernal Heights situation demonstrated, these doomed branches can turn around and become profitable.

H.W. Moss is a licensed real estate associate with TCO in San Francisco. He also writes fiction and has a website. You can visit him at <http://www.netnovels.com>.

Rates at 10-week low; ARMs at lowest in year

On February 20 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's (Freddie Mac) Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage for the week fell 9 basis points from last week's average of 7.65 percent to 7.56 percent, the lowest the 30-year fixed has averaged since December 6, 1996 when it stood at 7.44 percent.

The average start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) fell 7 basis points from last week's average of 5.52 percent to 5.45 percent, the lowest the rate has been since March 8, 1996.

This week's average for 15-year fixed rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market, is 7.06 percent, down 8 basis points from last week's average of 7.14 percent. This is the lowest the 15-year fixed has averaged since Dec. 6, 1996, when it stood at 6.96 percent.

"The Producer Price Index dipped while the Consumer Price Index rose by only one-tenth of 1 percent in January," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft.

"This good news on the inflation front translates into lower interest rates this week. It should also be a good backdrop for con-

tinuing strength in the housing market. Housing starts rose 2 percent in January and may well improve further given the favorable interest rate environment."

This year Freddie Mac celebrated the 26th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

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On January 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for February payments at 4.842 percent, up less than a single basis point from the 4.835 percent that was in effect for January payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

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This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

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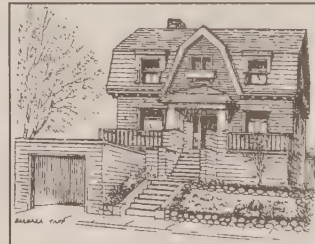
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 write off money, goods, or even
 out-of-pocket expenses for volun-
 teer charitable work (e.g. auto mile-
 age for charity at 12 cents per mile).
 Casualty and theft losses greater
 than 10 percent of your adjusted
 gross income can be deducted on
 Schedule A, as well.

The final area of itemized de-
 ductions involve job expenses and
 other miscellaneous deductions.
 These would include employee
 business expenses (travel, business
 related meals and entertainment),
 tax preparation fees, IRA and other
 investment fees and expenses, mal-
 practice insurance, job hunting ex-
 penses, job supplies, uniforms, pro-
 tective clothing, telephone (if re-
 quired), home office, and even your
 safe deposit fees. You can deduct
 all of these expenses that are
 greater than two percent of your
 adjusted gross income.

One final point about taking the
 standard deduction. If you are fil-
 ing separately from your spouse or you
 are a student who is claimed by
 your parents on their tax return, you
 may not be able to use the standard
 deduction.

If you choose the filing status
 (line 3 on the 1040 Form), married

See TAXES on page 26



TARPOFT & TALBERT

Number 182 in a series of true
 experiences in real estate.

At the beginning of the year, a
 friend who manages an upscale
 restaurant kindly invited Anet
 along with me and my children to
 be his guests for brunch. Maybe it
 was the relaxed day, the Bay view,
 the good food and company that
 caused what turned out to be my
 mind glitch.

I'm not sure. But I do remem-
 ber waxing enthusiastic about the
 dining room decor, all of which
 our friend told us was about to be
 replaced.

"The carpet going too?" I
 wanted to know. Yes.

"If it's going to be thrown out
 anyway, would the restaurant sell
 me a piece?" I asked.

I completely lost my mind at
 that point, declaring my love for
 the carpet, saying it would be per-
 fect in my living room, that I would
 redecorate my whole house around
 it.

For a few days afterward, I hap-
 pily carried around the rug image,
 enjoying thoughts of whole-house
 transformation. New paint, recover-
 ed chairs, maybe even a differ-
 ent couch. Then I forgot about it.

Last weekend my friend called
 to say they were ready to take up
 the carpet. If I wanted a piece, all

A magic carpet ride

I had to do was say what size.

I whipped into action. I could
 have any size rug I wanted, have
 the edges bound, have my brand
 new look. I measured and visual-
 ized, consulted with Anet.

I got so excited that my vision
 grew larger. One big piece on the
 living room wood floors, maybe a
 second in my bedroom installed

and I were standing just inside the
 restaurant entrance looking down
 at the rug, surprised.

There were no tropical can-
 nans or any cabbage roses and the col-
 ors were entirely wrong. No jewel-
 like reds but rather coral and
 heavy-handed pink. Worse, quite
 a lot of too-torquoise blue that
 jumped out and struck me.

"Is this what you remember?"
 Gretchen asked tactfully. Anet and
 I both said "No."

"It's too bad it has those swirls,"
 Anet said.

"There is a lot of coral,"
 Gretchen said.

"It doesn't have the look of the
 1930s like I thought," I said.

We decided to sit and have a
 drink and think. None of us wanted
 to say we didn't like the rug. No
 one did.

Anet and I were wondering why
 the rug in our memories didn't
 resemble the real one. We sipped
 our drinks.

"This happens sometimes with
 houses," I said. "I see a house on
 tour, run through it and love it.

"Later I go back again and won-
 der what I was thinking. The first
 time it struck me as wonderful,
 beautiful. But when I see it again,
 it's different, disappointing."

"I sure did remember big
 roses," Anet said. "I couldn't fig-
 ure out why you kept saying the
 look was tropical. But you always
 remember houses so much better
 than I do, I thought you were more
 likely to be right. Besides you
 were the one who liked the rug."

"This is why eye-witness ac-
 counts don't work," Gretchen,
 who does court work, said.
 "People think they know what they
 see. They insist they remember
 but often they're wrong."

See TARPOFF on page 23

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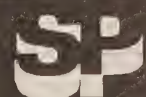


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SALES STATS BY CITY

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TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$254,000

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$237,000

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$151,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$275,357

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,750

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$163,625

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$94,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$164,375

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 42
LOWEST PRICE: \$87,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$237,000

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$151,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$275,357

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$181,750

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$220,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$163,625

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WINNING PIECE OF HISTORY

MARK A. WILSON

creative solutions

In previous columns I discussed the problems involved in buying a historic home, especially those that are attributed to a noted architect without proper research to the accuracy of such claims. Let's take a look at a "case

of a successful marketing technique, in a number of problems of historic homes properly and timely dealt with. A few weeks ago, the Loma Mar Historic Home, built in 1929, I received a phone call from a woman who had been a guest in one of my adult evening classes on historic architecture of the Bay.

She said she had bought an "authentic Julia Morgan" house a few years earlier, and now she was mov-

ing away and wanted me to help her sell it. The house was located on upper Claremont Avenue, above the Claremont Hotel on the Oakland/Berkeley city line.

When I went up to take a look at the house, the first thing I asked the owner was whether she had documented her home as an actual Julia Morgan design. She assured me she had, and proceeded to show me a file she had compiled from her own research on the home's history.

She had contacted the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association (BAHA), since the house had a Berkeley tax address and an Oakland mailing address.

The BAHA file on this property was quite thorough, and clearly

identified it as a house that Morgan had designed for her mother in 1924. It had originally been located in the South Camp area near U.C. Berkeley, but had been purchased by a Berkeley professor in 1964 and moved to its present location. The owner also had a copy of an old photograph she had obtained from Morgan's goddaughter Lynn Stone whose mother had been Morgan's secretary for many years and had inherited many of Morgan's original files. The photograph was marked at the bottom in Morgan's handwriting as "Mother's House."

From the old photo, and from old building permits I was able to copy from BAHAs files, we were able to determine that the lower portion of the home's exterior had been remodeled at the time it was moved: a new basement and front and rear decks had been added. Part of the interior had also been remodeled, and the house now had a 1960s kitchen, with very unattractive cabinets and aluminum-framed sliding glass doors leading from the dining area to the back deck.

The lot was also not a plus, there was no usable yard behind the rear deck because the canyon rose steeply upward at that point. Finally, the home was on a busy street, where the noise of cars climbing up the canyon was quite noticeable. Fortunately, the living room and all four bedrooms upstairs still retained all their original features and considerable historic charm.

Before I listed the house, I did a detailed market analysis for the owner, comparing all the Julia Morgan-designed homes that had sold

in Oakland and Berkeley within the past year. The owner wisely agreed that we should discount the list price to adjust for the approximate cost of restoring the kitchen and dining area to match the aesthetic quality of the rest of the house. We agreed on a list price of \$349,500.

As I expected, the first open house was swamped with both serious buyers and people who were merely curious to see a Julia Morgan home. Several buyers expressed genuine interest in the house, but also voiced reservations about the 1960s kitchen and the busy street. No offers came out of the first open house, nor were there any after the second.

The third week of the listing I did not hold a public open house, but instead relied on a "by appointment only" ad with a drawing of the house by my artist wife, which I had placed in the "Distinguished Homes" section of the Sunday San Francisco Chronicle. This ad did two things that an open house ad could not. It allowed me to describe the home's features in greater detail, and the drawing emphasized the most attractive features of the house that were not clearly visible in a photograph.

I received more than a dozen calls from this display ad, which finally resulted in eight appointments to see the house. Within a week of the date the ad ran, three buyers wrote offers on the house. The winning bid was from a young engineer who worked in Emeryville and lived in a 1920s apartment building in San Francisco. His agent told me he offered full price for the house because he loved 1920s architecture, especially Julia Morgan's work, and he was tired of commuting across the Bay.

A few days after escrow opened, See WILSON on page 26

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We agreed and went home but I've been thinking about mind-fucking ever since. My memory was fooled in the case of the rug and it worked against me. But it can work the other way.

Take staging a house, for example. Houses that give the impression of being clean and spare and stylish produce positive reactions in just about everyone who sees them. I'm no exception.

I walk into a house that is freshly painted, windows clean, surfaces clear and I begin to like it. Feeling good, undistracted by possessions or obvious poor condition, it is possible for me to notice and enjoy the detail of the house, the views outside, the garden, the layout.

My initial, cursory look at this house probably has not told me

much about its internals. The roof may be leaking, the electricity and furnace in need of improvement, drainage severely lacking. These wait to be discovered in a more thorough inspection.

But my first glance has caused me to feel fine about the house. And that is the important part. I haven't filed the house in my "forget it forever" box or "needs work, not sure how much" category.

Even if I don't remember the details (or remember them inaccurately), I come away willing to describe this house to clients in a positive light. I may even rave about it.

You know what they say about first impressions. If they're good, your mind keeps going.

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restrictions and interests which are being excluded from coverage will be listed usually as "exceptions" in the preliminary report. These may be items by creditors who have liens against the property for payment of taxes or assessments.

There may also be recorded restrictions which have been placed on the property or contained in what are termed CC&R's—covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Primarily, interests of third parties are uncommon and may include liens given by a prior owner to limit your use of the property. When you buy property you do not wish to have these claims on your property. Therefore, you may want to clear the title of items prior to purchase. In addition to the limitations listed above, a printed list of standard exceptions and exclusions list items not covered by your title insurance policy may be attached to exhibit item to your report.

Unlike the numbered exclusions, which are specific to the property being bought, these are standard

exceptions and exclusions appearing in title insurance policies. The review of this section is important, as it sets forth matters which will not be covered under your title insurance policy, but which you may wish to investigate, such as governmental laws or regulations governing building and zoning.

Q: Will the preliminary title report reveal the complete condition of the title to a property?

A. No. It is important to note that the preliminary report is not a written representation as to the condition of title and may not list all liens, defects, and encumbrances affecting title to the land, but merely report the current ownership and matters that the title company will exclude if a title insurance policy should later be issued.

Q: Is the preliminary title report the same as the title insurance?

A. Definitely not. A preliminary report is an offer to insure, it is not a report of a complete history of recorded documents relating to the property. A preliminary report is a statement of terms and conditions of the offer to issue a title insurance policy, not a representation as to the condition of title.

These distinctions are important for the following reasons: first, no contract or liability exists until the title insurance policy is issued; second, the title insurance policy is issued to a particular insured person and others cannot claim the benefit of the policy.

Q: Can I be protected against title risks prior to the close of the real estate transaction?

A. Yes, you can. Title companies can protect your interest through the issuance of "binders" and "commitments."

A binder is an agreement to issue insurance giving temporary coverage until such time as a formal policy is issued. A commitment is a title insurer's contractual obligation to insure title to real property once its stated requirements have been met.

Discuss with your title insurer the best means to protect your interests.

Q: How do I go about clearing unwanted encumbrances?

A. You will wish to carefully review the preliminary report. Should the title to the property be clouded, you and your agents will work with the seller and the seller's agents to clear the unwanted liens and encumbrances prior to taking title.

Events

The Events Calendar does not accept for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Splinter Group invites you to its dinner meeting, 5:45 p.m., Thurs., Feb 27 at the Bernard-Maybeck-designed Hillside Club House, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley. Homeowners are invited to participate in **Remodeling From the Owner's Perspective**. Prizes will be awarded for the smoothest and sorriest remodeling stories. Call 845-1833 for reservations and information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., March 1 BEC presents "Carpentry Basics for Women". "Architectural Sketching: Hands-On" will meet Sun, March 2. On Sat and Sun., March 1 and 2, the center hosts craftsman Richard Brown and contractor Kevin Stamm's hands-on workshop: **Finish Carpentry**. Contractor Jim Patterson presents **Concrete Foundations: Hands-On** over two consecutive Saturdays March 1 and 8. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

San Francisco's Pier 39 invites you to **Tulipmania** from Sat., March 1 to Sun. March 9. Free guided tours of the tulip landscaping will be presented daily at 10 a.m. Enjoy 65 varieties of tulips aesthetically arranged in colorful container groups throughout Pier 39's two levels. Complimentary refreshments at Chic's Seafood Restaurant will follow the tour. For more information call (415) 705-5500.

Bob Bradley of the East Bay Fuschia Society will be at East Bay Nursery, 2332 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley from 1 to 3 p.m., Sat., March 1. Bradley will demonstrate various pruning techniques for the fuschia. Call 845-6490 for more information.

The Home Buyer Assistance Center invites you to an **First Time Home Buyer Orientation**, 6:30 p.m. Tues., March 4 at 1611 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Get acquainted with becoming a homeowner and the services available to assist you in this process. Call 832-6925 to reserve your seat.

PHD Design Group invites you to an innovative series of **Redecorating Workshops** starting Wed., March 5 and continuing through Fri., April 25. Geared toward the cost-conscious do-it-yourselfer, these workshops will cover topics ranging from buying and decorating with antiques to using existing furniture to create a new look. The workshops will be held at 5 Captain Dr. in Emeryville. Call Phyllis Johnson at 763-3488 for more information.

Bay Area landscape architect Ron Herman presents a **Land Architectural Slide Lecture**, 7 p.m., Thurs., March 6 at the Berkeley Millwork and Furniture Showroom, 2830 Seventh St., Berkeley. Herman's talk will encompass his life in landscape architecture, the Japanese aesthetic and the California Garden. For reservations call 549-2854.

The Oakland Police Services Agency invites business owners and East Bay residents to **Public Safety Expo '97**, 9:30 to 5:30 p.m., Fri., March 7 and Sat. March 8 at the Oakland Convention Center, 10th and Broadway in Oakland. Dozens of exhibitors will present the latest in safety tools and techniques. Representatives from police and fire agencies will conduct seminars on workplace safety, theft prevention and "Business Alert." Bay Area Mugging will offer a free self-defense course on Sat. Call 238-3066 for more information.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Real Estate Financing 101**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat.,

March 8 at 1225 Solano Avenue in Albany. Become an educated consumer, minimize closing costs, learn the difference between an m and a no m loan; get acquainted with lender guidelines, income required to qualify and community assistance programs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

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The Oakland Police Department and the Oakland Home Alert Coalition invite you and your neighbors to attend the **East Bay Regional Neighborhood Watch Convention**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sat., March 8 at the Oakland Convention Center, at 10th and Broadway in Oakland. Join Neighborhood Watch Groups from the entire East Bay. Discover new techniques and strategies for neighborhood safety. Learn about successful crime prevention programs. Begin to take the steps to insure a safer community. Call 238-3066 for more information.

Catherine Teegarten of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m. Thurs., March 13 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203 fixers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money

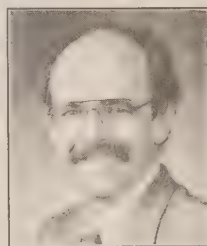
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single home and multiunit properties, sell them quickly and maximize your profits. Nonprofits (and others) can buy and sell properties for the community they serve. Realtors, buyers and nonprofits are all invited to attend. This workshop is on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

Marsha Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present **Woman to Woman: Selling the Keys to Buying Your Home**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sat. Feb. 28 at 1225 Solano Avenue in

Albany. Learn how to set priorities and investigate neighborhoods. Team up with industry professionals for an overview of the buying process, straight talk about interest rates, and strategies for minimizing closing costs. Reservations are required. Call 718-2134.

Park Day School presents **Secret Gardens of the East Bay**, a tour of ten private gardens, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun, April 27. Enjoy, among others, a Craftsman-style setting with a melodious brook, a personal memoir of the Mediterranean, elements from the original Shilling Spice gardens and a herb garden with a surprise view of The City. Call 653-0317 for reservations and information.

A free First-Time Home Buyer Seminar, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time home buyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Reha-**

ilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **East Bay Leads Club** meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 845-6688 for more information.

The **Orchid Society of Northern California** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant sale is featured before the meeting affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidium plants. These meetings feature expert grow-

ers from around the world with their slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and bloom these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information.

Help elderly and disabled homeowners in Oakland by joining **Christmas in April**. Volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate activities for this annual rebuilding day. Call Jan LeGassick for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047 Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- MANCHESTER DR**, Nw listing! Claremont Pines 6/4 Med, vws \$995,000
The GRUBB Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**
- MAZUELA**, Montclair Valle Vista, 4900sf, 6 1/4, gourmet kitchen \$925,000
McDuffie, Barbara Hopper 845-0200/635-4839 **SAT & SUN 2-4:30**
- MAZUELA**, Under construction, 4/4 w/fb mstr retreat, bay wvl \$899,000
McDuffie, Barbara Hopper 845-0200/635-4839 **SAT & SUN 2-4:30**
- MAZUELA**, Montclair 4+bd/2 1/2ba, library, home office, wine \$569,000
McDuffie, Barbara Hopper 845-0200/635-4839 **SUNDAY 10-5**
- BROADWAY TER**, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba w/pano views! \$569,000
McDuffie 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233
- SHEPHERD CANYON**, Montclair 4+bd/3 1/2ba, big, level, value! \$559,000
Homes, Mel Copland 339-2109
- BUTTERS DR**, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, elegant, private, bay view \$549,000
Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- BRIDGE RD**, Crocker, stately English tudor, 5/4, details! \$535,000
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- BURTON DR**, Montclair 3+bd/3 1/2ba sunny contemp, reduced! \$499,000
Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400
- BUNNYHILLS RD**, Enchanting 4/3 Normandy, library, FDR, deck \$499,000
Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174
- FLORENCE AVE**, Rockridge, just listed, 3/2, quality, views, yd \$499,000
Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- EMERSET RD**, Central fir plan, grt wsl FDR, level out garden \$496,000
The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- MANZANITA DR**, Montclair 4bd/3+ba contemp, SF/bay vw \$484,400
Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778 **OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4:30**
- CHELTON DR**, P.Pines 4bd/3ba, 2 family rooms, serene vistas \$459,000
Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174
- MOUNTAIN BL**, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2ba pristine, private tudor \$459,000
McDuffie 428-0900, H. Chew 644-5422
- STARVIEW**, Hiller 2 1/2ba contemp twnhm, hwdws, nw construction \$449,000
Banker, Ollie Hammerl 339-1174
- HEATHER RIDGE**, Montclair, newer 3/2+, custom amenities \$435,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Elaine Barber 869-4204
- CALDWELL**, New constr, 3/2 w/huge expandable space, lv yd \$419,000
Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536
- BULLARD**, Walk to village, updt kit, remod baths, hwdw, frpl \$415,000
Banker, Donna Ranslem/Nancy Dickey 339-1174
- NEWCREST DR**, Ridgmont 4/3, huge bonus rm, common pool \$415,000
Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460
- Ocean View Dr**, Lovely 3bd Med +sep Inlaw, nr Rockridge shops \$410,000
Ward Realtors, Barbara Wilcox 845-3941 **X232 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**
- CLARENDON CRES**, Crocker tudor, orig. woodwork & charm \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- TEMPLE PLACE**, Charming, on quiet cul-de-sac, pvt gdn, patio \$398,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400
- RIDGEMONT CT**, Spacious open floor plan, cul-de-sac, 4 1/2 \$379,900
The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- JOHNSTON DR**, Montclair, 5bd/3ba, sunny, level-in, on \$349,500
Hills view, Joel Kirschbaum 254-6180 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**
- CHABOT RD**, Rockridge 5bd/1+ba cosmetic fixer, office, yd \$349,500
Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860
- HOLYWOOD**, Piedmont Pines, 3/2+, wooded custom contemp \$349,500
McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- AKEN DR**, Montclair, new listing! 4/3 split level, 1/4 acre \$349,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460
- LASALLE AVE**, 3/2 close to village, huge family rm, bonus rm \$349,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Meyer 339-1174
- LA MA PLACE**, Crocker Highlands, 3+2, mstr suite, great yard! \$339,000
McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 863-8092
- GREENWOOD**, Glenview, gorgeous br shingle nw kit, lv yd \$329,000
McDuffie, Nancy Hinkley 428-0900
- DUNCAN WAY**, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, 1/4 acre, creekside, lg rms \$329,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460
- AUBURN AVE**, Rockridge 3bd/1ba, just listed! remod kitchen \$305,000
Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400
- BRENTWOOD RD**, Upper Oakmore, cozy 3bd/2ba charmer, \$304,900
Homes, FDR, eat-in kitchen, landscaped w/ bay view. Michael 482-4064
- SKYLINE BL**, Oakland Hills 3/2 sunny contemp, canyon view \$299,500
Homes, Nahid Nassiri 531-1670
- CRANE WAY**, Oakland Hills 3+bd, open floor plan, bay view \$299,000
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- ALTURA PL**, 3+bd/3ba, new constr, wooded country setting \$295,000
Bennett, Jackie Carter 631-7000
- CALMAR AVE**, Crocker 3 1/1, lg yd w/deck, view Lake Merritt \$290,000
Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653
- MANDALAY RD**, Upper Rockridge 2bd/1ba, art studio, updt kit \$289,000
Banker, James Duffy 339-1174
- ASO ROBLES**, Montclair 4bd/2ba, new listing, new kit & roof \$279,900
McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501
- HEATHER RIDGE**, Montclair 3bd/2b, pvt mstr suite, yd & deck \$279,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460
- BRECHWOOD**, Claremont Pines, 4bd/3+ba Colonial \$275,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- BENEFIDES**, Glenview 3bd/2ba, master suite, new kitchen \$275,000
McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Lehnkind 863-8092
- AYALA**, Rockridge, just listed! charming updt 3bd/2ba, yard \$269,000
Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174
- DIAMOND**, 2-story, 3bd/2ba, wrap-around porch, den, 1/4 acre \$266,000
McDuffie, Wendy Kashiwa 845-0200
- MANILA ST**, New listing! cute 2bd/1ba bungalow in Rockridge \$265,000
The GRUBB Company, Ron Egberman 652-2133 X127

5636 CABOT DR, Montclair 3bd/1ba w/huge yd, 2-car garage, charm \$263,000
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400

3715 ELSTON, Glenview, charming Spanish Med, 3bd/2ba, plus rm \$259,000
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576

4380 ABERFOIL AV, Grass Valley, 3/3, 2000 sf, grt for entertaining, \$253,000
lg family rm, 1/4 acre. Realty World, Michael Godanis 482-0356 **SUNDAY 12-4**

4224 LA CRESTA, Glenview, delightful 4bd/2ba, new kit, lovely yd \$249,900
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

4379 EL CENTRO, New listing! 3bd/1 1/2ba, FDR, 1-car att'd garage \$245,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148

3917 ELSTON, Nw listing! 3bd, office, 2ba, nw kit/ba, ample storage \$244,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000

3850 MALCOLM AVE, 4+bd/2+ba, classy updated kitchen, family rm \$239,000
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160 X239

3621 REDWOOD RD, English 3bd/1 1/2ba, charm, outstanding kitchen \$239,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

4165 MANILA AVE, Lower Rockridge, newly remodeled 4bd/1 1/2ba, \$238,500
2-car det garage, bonus rm. John 428-1158, evening 283-5326 **SUNDAY 1-5**

10 SERENO CIR, Redwood Hills 2+bd/2ba townhouse, grt bay views \$235,000
The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

4012 LAGUNA AV, Just listed! 3/3 brown shingle, top condition, frpl \$235,000
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-5**

3016 BROOKFIELD, 3bd/2ba, pvt lot, den, frpl, rumpus, yd, deck \$234,500
Wells & Bennett, Carrie Craig 357-7772

4732 REINHARDT DR, Redwood Hills, new listing, 2bd/1ba, gardens \$229,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

300 PARK VIEW TER, Adams Pt, 3 1/1 1/2 just list! fab rstoratn, charm \$229,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Adrienne Nash 763-4080

4437 CARSON ST, 3bd/1 1/2ba, family room, large back yard \$220,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bill 748-5300

4300 FAIR AVENUE, 3 bedrooms + den, 1 1/2 baths, bay view! \$219,950
Houses & Associates, Mitch House 256-9196 **OPEN SATURDAY 2-4**

2665 MONTEREY, Oakmore, new listing! 2/3, 3 plus rooms, lg yard \$219,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

5375 BROADWAY, Nw listing! classic sweet Rockridge 3/2 bungalow \$210,000
Templeton Company, Tina Swift 652-2133 X140

369 ADAMS ST, Adams Point 3bd/2ba, LR w/frpl, formal dining rm \$210,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

407-409 STATEN, Adams Point, large duplex, needs love & care \$209,000
Mason-McDuffie, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

5779 AYALA, Rockridge, great 2-story starter, 2bd/1 1/2ba \$209,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X123 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

5218 SHAFTER, Rockridge, 2bd/1ba w/deck, yard, & basement \$205,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488

3612 MONTEREY BL, Redw Hills, 2bd/1ba, charming English tudor \$199,000
Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

3869 LYMAN RD, 3bd/1ba, price reduced to sell, nr Diamond Park \$199,000
Gadsby & Associates, Catherine 748-5300

144 DUNCAN WAY, Montclair 2/1, new listing! cozy fixer, patio, yd \$199,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

1012 63rd St, 4bd/1b up, 2/1 inlaw down. Big yd w/fruit trees/redwd, \$198,000
nw foundation, retrofitted, copper plumbing. Korman & Ng 525-4600/253-0695

3539 VICTOR AVE, Laurel, 4bd/2ba, SF views, 2 decks, garage \$187,500
Pacific Union, Diane Earl McCan 339-6460

4093 MAPLE, Sunny 2bd, new eat-in kit, skylite, lg yd, deck, hot tub \$169,500
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

305 WARWICK, Adams Pt 2/1, bright cheerful bungalow, move in! \$169,000
Better Homes, Seki Chikami 339-4000

4106 FONTAINE CT, 3/2, home +in-law, charming, seller motivated \$169,000
Better Homes, Martha Shih 531-8643

525 MONTE VISTA #10, Rose Garden 2bd/2b conde, desirable bldg \$169,000
Pacific Union, Joan Hauase 339-6460

2618 55TH, Maxwell Park, 2bd/1ba, blend of orig.charm & updates \$162,900
Coldwell Banker, Kevin McCullen 339-1174

206 LEE, Adams Point 2bd/1+ba Le Chateau condol \$159,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2825 SHORT ST, 2bd/1b adorable craftsman, newer kit, hwdws, FDR \$149,500
Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

383 STATEN AVE #201, just listed 3bd/2ba, chic & spacious \$149,500
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

750 OAKLAND AVE, 2bd/2ba, condos next to Rose Garden, \$140,000
near transportation, Agent 654-4277 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

6015 BUENAVENTURA, 2d bedroom, immaculate condition! \$135,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Shirley Covington 287-2532

6004 MONADNOCK WY, Mills College 2+1 Med, handcrafted charm \$119,000
Better Homes, Sherdella Sims 339-4000

2165 42ND AVE, 2bd/1ba classy bungalow w/lg rooms, huge yard \$115,000
Better Homes, Jim Schubert 339-4000

625 EL DORADO AVE, New listing! Luxury 1bd/1ba top floor, end \$68,000
unit condn. Walk Kaiser & Piedmont Ave. Skasky & Co. 525-8800 **SUNDAY 2-4**

811 YORK #214, Grand Lake, new listing! 1bd/1ba, come see! \$72,500
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

260 PERKINS #3C, 1/1 condo, top floor/top condition, HOA incl. EQ. \$81,000
reserves. Shop & compare! Atkinson & Gallinatti, Claire Johnson 530-7118

ALBANY Open Sunday

942 EVELYN, Albany 2bd/2ba \$189,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

921 FILLMORE, Albany 2bd/1ba \$185,000
Coldwell Banker, Kim Cleveland 486-1495 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

959 MILLER AV, No.Berk, 4 3/4 work of art! FDR, gourmet kit, vws \$895,000
The GRUBB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

122 VICENTE, Stunning 4bd/4ba, nearly new, separate aupair \$619,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

38 SENIOR AVE, Grizzly Peak 4 1/2, hwdws, landscaped gardens \$585,000
The GRUBB Company, John Karmay 339-0400

934 GRIZZLY PEAK, Berkeley 4bd/3ba \$459,000
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Meisen 486-1495

595 DWIGHT PLACE, 2bd/1 1/2ba \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

1313 HENRY ST, 3+bd/2+ba, fireplace, DR, 2 patios, deck \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Chenita Luster 835-6263

7 OAKVALE AVE, Unique shingled 2bd/2ba, study, huge windows \$395,000
Templeton Company, Paul Templeton 652-2133 X131 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

1212 MILVIA, No. Berkeley, bay location, 3/1 up, 1/1 down, sunny yd \$389,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

2517-19 DERBY, Elmwood, 4+3 duplex or single family w/sep studio \$339,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224

935 WARFIELD AVE, Lakeshore, 2-story 4/2, kit/ram combo, deck \$305,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum

5671 ESTATES, Upr Rockridge, 1-level 3bd/2ba, wrap-around patio \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

6158 BULLARD, Montclair, sharp contemporary, 3bd, office, 2ba \$299,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

2406-08 CURTIS ST, New listing, great duplex, 3/2 hm, 1bd rental \$262,500
Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

1412 CYPRESS ST, Charming 2+bd craftsman Med + backyd studio \$239,000
Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

2010 HEARST AVE #F, Brown Shingle 2/1+, hwdws, frpl, walk UC \$225,000
J. T. Ward Realtors, Vicky Friedman 845-8021 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

2328 CURTIS ST, 2+bd/2ba, light, great floor plan & spaces \$195,000
Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X137 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

3038D HALCYON COURT, 2bd/1 1/2ba \$169,000
Coldwell Banker, Nacio Brown 486-1495

1271 65th ST, 2+bd/1ba, remodeled family hm, all nw kitchen/bath \$149,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217 **OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

1032 DELAWARE ST, 2nd story 2/1 condo, grt starter, nr 4th St shops \$129,500
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X147 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

2147 STUART #3, Berkeley 1bd/1ba \$116,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

CASTRO VALLEY Open Sunday

MIDSUMMER LN off Redwood Rd & Camino Alta Mira, craftsman \$200,000's
3 & 4bd homes, 1800-2300 sq.ft. Millennium Development 523-3026/888-1896 **OPEN SAT & SUN 11-5 WEEKDAYS BY APPT** and up

HERCULES Open Sunday

271 CINNABAR, Hercules 4bd/3ba \$220,000
Coldwell Banker, Nancy Reichert 486-1495 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

44 FARRAGUT AV, 7+bd/5+ba, restored, grand formal rms, bay vws \$1,950,000
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

9 CRAIG, Elegant and spacious tudor gem! \$995,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Margaret Wade 644-5445

104 PALA AVE, 5bd/3ba, just listed! craftsman in central Piedmont \$895,000
Better Homes, Sue Williams 339-8400

11 LaSALLE AVE, Classic 4/3, FDR, fam rm w/frpl, den, rumpus rm \$569,000
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

56 MONTICELLO AVE, 4bd/3ba, family room, updated kitchen \$529,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, 464-5464

306 RAMONA AVE, 3bd/2ba, level-in, FDR, private deck, 2-car gar \$525,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

308 SCENIC AVE, Bay pano vw, 4+bd/2ba, lg deck, redesigned kit \$499,000
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400

221 HIGHLAND AV, Charming 3bd/2 1/2 w/potential, central location \$395,000
The GRUBB Company, Marilyn Watson 339-0400

100 ESTATES DR, 3bd/2ba, hwdws, walk to trans/shopping, bay vw \$389,000
Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

RICHMOND Open Sunday

4812 RENO LN, Carriage Hills 4bd/2ba beauty on cul-de-sac \$259,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X127 **OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**

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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1997 to help the homeless. Children. Please call us at 415-871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you.

AUDI 4000CS Quattro, 1988. Loaded, 5-speed, 1 owner, 106K, excellent condition. \$3990. 814-5749

FORD, Escort Wagon GL, 1984, 73K, air, cassette, roof rack, cloth seats. Excellent. \$1600. 568-6686

HONDA 1996 Accord, LX, 4 door, automatic, 13K, air, \$15,750. Honda Civic 1990, DX, hatchback, 5-speed, 129K, air, \$3,950 or best offer. Moving, must sell. 522-2350.

KEEP IT Local! Donate your vehicle to Berkeley Boosters; helping Berkeley's children since 1963. Tax deductible. We'll pick up and do the paper work. Call 704-0467.

MERCURY Comet, 1965 Classic, 120K, excellent condition. 2 door, hardtop. Must sell \$2500/offer. 769-7452

MITSUBISHI, 1987 Van, 98K, automatic, air, alarm, custom paint, AM/FM cassette \$5400/offer. 530-4824

NISSAN Pick-Up 1986, Long Bed, \$2,500. Call 510-523-6299

NISSAN Sentra 1992, 30K, excellent condition, 4 door, \$7,500. 510-614-9358

NISSAN Starza, 1987, Automatic, air conditioning, 4 door, power, sunroof, great shape, reliable. 129K. \$3990/best offer. 486-1350

PLYMOUTH Voyager, 1987. For disabled with scooter lift and running boards, new engine/65,000 miles. \$6500/best offer. Call 521-6260

SEIZED CARS FROM \$175

Porsche, Cadillac, Chevy, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4 Wheel Drives. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. A-7057 for current listings

THE Joseph Matteucci foundation needs your vehicle, Boat/ RV to support youth non-violence programs in local schools (510)889-7451

TOYOTA, Corolla, 1985 Body/Interior clean and in great condition. 143K miles. \$1700. 658-3727

TOYOTA 1988 4 Runner, 140K, excellent condition, automatic transmission, \$7,500. 510-814-9358

TROOPER II, 1996, Blue, 4 wheel drive runs good. 147K, CD, roof rack \$3000. 339-0266

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd., #4, Oakland

"NEW Beginnings" Store Opening: Alameda. Seeks original unique Artists. Crafters. Collectors. Information (510)535-9034, (510)865-9816

205 Workshops & Classes

AFRO Brazilian Dance and Percussion in Can. One week of classes and fun with Oakland based Casio Fogo no Roupas. April 21. All levels. Call 510-655-2137.

FOUND mature Dalmatian, male not spayed February 12th off Skyline and Joaquin Miller. 531-5063.

BRITANNY Spinel, found in the vicinity of the Chabot Golf Course. No tags. 568-1742

TWO German Shepherds, 1 approximately 10 months. Redwood Heights area. 482-9427.

FOUND dalmatian, Redwood Heights area. Call to identify. 530-3001.

PERSIAN- looking, pretty, gray cat, young, female, well behaved, adorable. Claim/adopt. 653-5377.

CASIO watch, Grand Ave. near Wells Fargo. February 19th. Call 893-5455 and identify model.

FOUND 2 cats, Himalayan female and longhaired tortoiseshell female. 530-6665. Owner/adopt.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. Marc 510-444-3204

GUINEA Pig, full-grown male, shy. 530-5045

GAS clothes dryer, 15 years old, works fine. 834-3156, leave message.

"JOHNNY", 6 years, DSH, black, personable, lovable. Owner deceased. Donation. Marc. 434-3204

"CARMEN", 8 months, DSH, brown Tabby. Likes cats. Indoor, spayed, tested. Teen-agers okay. Donation. 434-3204

BLACK Lab. Gorgeous, sweet, neutered boy, 1 1/2 years old. Healthy. Attention runners! Donation. 873-6328, 873-6352

PET ducks, Muscovy, quiet, friendly, need secured yard. 535-1876

DEVOTED neutered black/white male. Current shots/program. Only/last cat for loving home. 531-9201

FREE wood, green pine firewood, cut in large pieces, enough to fill pickup truck. 569-3432

208 Lost

CAT - solid gray long-haired, 2 year old male January 30th, Pointsett Park, El Cerrito. 237-3432

GRAY, miniature Schnauzer, 5 lbs., stubby tail, pointy ears, white collar, squeaky bark. Reward. 658-5335

"TANGO", tan, male tabby, neutered, 10 years. February 13th, Oakland Hills/ Sequoyan Heights. 635-6622; 633-1061

DOG, male Chihuahua, deer type, light brown, 10 lbs., Cypress/ Adeline. Reward offered 923-1009

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447.

SMILES DAY SCHOOL

Pre-school program 2.9 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30 - 6:00 339-3630

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

INJECTION and IV. Certification course for CNA's, MA's, EMT's by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141.

303 Instruction & Tutoring

MA BLOOD withdrawal/ Phebotomy course by Boston Reed. 1-800-201-1141. CEU's for RN's, LVN's, EMT's, CNA's.

MATH/ READING TUTOR
All levels. Individual tutoring, your home. Patient, kind, effective. Experienced, credentialed teachers. Reasonable rates. References. Alan 415-527-5542

SCULPTURE and drawing classes. Figure labs and classes, found object, mold making and cold casting. van der Zanden Studio. Call to request a schedule 843-9445

304 Musical Instruction

PIANO: Have fun learning classical piano! Creative, individualized instruction. All ages welcome. Two lessons free with enrollment. Patient, thorough, pro, ex-conservatory faculty. Judith Meltes, 843-4541

PIANO, organ lessons, your home, all styles/levels. Adults a specialty. Very experienced. Linda 655-0690

GUITAR and composition lessons- jazz and rock styles. Berkeley College of Music graduates. Kent 845-7973

PIANO Lessons, Jazz, Blues, Classical, More. Experienced, Patient, All Ages, First lesson free. Ariel 665-3943

GUITAR for kids! B.A. Music Specialist- McCabe's Music School 10 years. Recording Artist. Donna 337-0315

EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
We're looking for an adaptable, organized person who can work part-time, 2 days a week in Marina Village, Alameda. Follow through, professional telephone skills and Mac experience a must. After you have called our info line at 800-580-3628, fax your resume to: 800-582-3628 EOE.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Temp-to-hire position in Oakland for great company. Requires experience on Word, Excel, PowerPoint a plus. Travel planning, telephone, general correspondence, set up files. Support staff to executive management. Candidate must be able to handle multiple task and deadlines, have high energy, self-starter, and excellent communication and organizational skills. Previous experience in assisting top management required. Software or history background in preferred. For immediate consideration, call TempPosition at (510)446-7800 or fax resume to (510)446-7804

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: part-time, flexible hours; varied duties, computer skills. Fax resume: 510-635-4088

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for property management company. Must be detail oriented. Handle rent collections, issue 3 day notices, screen incoming calls, reconcile bank accounts, and answer calls. Requires familiarity with Microsoft Word, QuickBooks. Flexible hours. Must have excellent references. Salary commensurate with experience. Fax resume: 510-632-8191

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant Small office in Berkeley Part-time Varied duties. Computer literate, organized. Fax resume to: 510-649-1822

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant: full-time, Montclair Village Successful, growing financial planning business needs another mature professional with minimum 5 years administrative experience to stay on top of variety of challenging multi-level projects. Organized, energetic, detail oriented, excellent interpersonal communication and expert office skills, math aptitude. Fluent in WP & 1; 80-keyboarding, transcription equipment, spreadsheet, high production? We offer excellent compensation and benefits; non-smoking environment. Fax resume, salary history to Lisa (510)338-1611

ADMINISTRATIVE: Receptionist, secretaries, clerical, computer service and legal. Wolfgang Michelson Personnel Service, Inc. (510)946-0200

Administrative Assistant/ Bookkeeper Full-time position in our Piedmont corporate headquarters. Offering long-term career opportunity with excellent benefits for the right person. Please be a self-motivated, detail oriented person with excellent communications skills. Computer experience with Quicken, Spreadsheets database a plus. Salary DOE. Send resume with salary history and requirements: Personnel Department, P.O. Box 20813, Oakland 94620

ALAMEDA'S UNIQUE RETAIL NURSERY Permanent full-time/ Part-time, Nursery person sales/gardener. Apply at 11113 Lincoln.

APARTMENT manager to manage 20 unit building, free apartment, must pass credit check. 865-0300.

ASSISTANT for Berkeley optometrist, full-time. Must be outgoing, computer literate, detail-oriented. Will train but retail customer service experience required. 526-3937

ASSISTANT/ Secretary, phone, computer, and accounting skills for real estate office. Cantonese speaking preferred. (510)527-8777

BAKERY Delivery person, Saturdays, needed on on-call basis. Must be reliable, responsible and able to lift 50 pounds. Clean DMV a must. Fax resume: 510-530-5771.

BARTENDERS, full-time and part-time. Call 521-1007, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. only, Monday- Saturday

CASHIER/ Host(ess), evenings, busy restaurant, 25-30 hours/ week. Apply in person: 1491 Solano, Albany.

CENTER DIRECTOR
Parent Child Center Program. Immediate opening, full-time. Monday- Friday, 8-5, benefits. BA in ECE or CDA plus minimum of 2 years infant/ toddler teaching and minimum of 2 years administrative/ supervisory experience in ECE. EOE. Resume attention: Lee, 1233 38th Ave., Oakland, CA 94601 or fax 510-534-4466

CHAIRSIDE Dental Assistant for Montclair dental practice. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday. Experienced preferred but local trainees interviewed. 547-2037

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726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$795

PIEDMONT AVENUE
1 1/2 blocks, good quiet neighborhood, Piedmont border, spacious rooms, dining area, 655-0174.

\$900 **PIEDMONT** Avenue, 2 bedroom, Sunny, lots of closets, carpet, laundry, includes secure parking, 428-4913.

\$825 **TWO** bedroom, Lake Merritt area, New carpet, paint. Drive by 364 Lester. Call WMC 893-0580.

\$850 **CHARMING**, remodeled, streamlined duplex, hardwood floors, large closets, fenced yard. Near shopping, transportation, 534-7006.

\$680 **LAKE** area, quiet, 2 bedroom. Light, spacious, carpeted, locked garage. Non-smoking, no pets. 451-0556.

\$875 **301 JAYNE**, near Lake Merritt, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. First floor with patio, parking and new carpet! Agent 523-1165.

\$875 **TWO** bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, new carpet/paint. Good neighborhood, near Lake. Security. Parking. 465-4384.

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QUIET QUALITY

Near Piedmont. Sunny corner. 1 1/2 baths, dining area, balcony, frost-free refrigerator, dishwasher, carpeting, parking. Considerate neighbors. Quiet, attractive, modern building. Local, SF buses, walk to Piedmont shopping. Quiet pet. Appointment only. 3600 Harrison. 654-1874. March 29 move-in.

\$950 **LARGE** triplex. Hardwood floors, quiet, sunny, balcony, garage, 630 Valle Vista. 632-1888, ext. 34.

\$1000 **NEWLY** refurbished, Lower Rockridge, somewhat low ceilings. Open March 1st, 10-12. 597-0975.

\$1095 **CHINA** Hill. Split level, cathedral ceilings, bay view, fireplace, 2 baths. #54203-B. Homefinders 494-6450.

\$1095 **STUNNING**, modern, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo. Wall-to-wall carpeting, fireplace, other amenities, near transportation. Diamond Heights. Pets negotiable. 338-1838.

\$1250 **CONDO**, 2 bedroom, 2 bath (2 master suites). Near Lake Merritt, 388 Belmont. Kramer R/E 948-5200.

727 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$795 **DUPLEX**, 1 bath, carpet, tile kitchen, small yard, parking, 2382 High Street. 530-1005.

\$890 **SPECTACULAR**, stove, refrigerator, carpets, parking, near park, 3621 Diamond Ave., Section 8 okay. 530-1005.

\$990 **HUGE**, sunny upper flat. Hardwood floors, dining room, garage. 2712 Harrison. 482-9811.

\$1100 **MORMON** Temple, spacious 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, master, 2 carports, private yard. Kerry, 268-9028.

\$1150 **DUPLEX**, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, parking, laundry, hardwood, gas, top floor, cul-de-sac, sunny. 801-8769.

\$1450 **IMMACULATE** huge 4 bedroom duplex. Hardwood, fireplace, washer/dryer! Yard, parking. Nice location. No pets. 756 56th St. 658-3472.

728 San Leandro & South

\$735 **DUPLEX** Townhouse 2 bedroom, San Leandro near BART. Washer/Dryer hook-up, quiet, deposit. 523-0052.

COTTAGES FOR RENT

737 Berkeley

\$600 **QUIET**, secluded North Berkeley cottage. Modern, deck, cat okay. Francisco/Milvia. #4238-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

742 Oakland & Piedmont

\$550 **SMALL** cottage, remodeled, walk-in closet, new appliances, private entrance. Ready for move in. 530-1005.

\$595 **SUNNY**, 1 bedroom, near Mormon Temple. \$750 deposit. 3537 Laguna Avenue. Rita, 531-4790.

HOMES FOR RENT

750 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito: two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821.

\$1300 **KENSINGTON** 2 bedrooms. Fireplace, view, yard, dining, hardwoods, pet's Valley Road. #54214-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

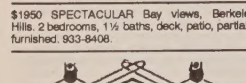
\$1700 **KENSINGTON** 2 bedroom, 2 bath flat. View, detached office. Pateau/Grizzly. #5390-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

751 Berkeley

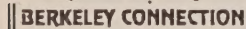
753 2 BED. HOME RENTALS Berkeley

\$1150 **REFURBISHED** 2+ bedroom, modern kitchen, 1 bath. Lease/purchase available. Near Alcatraz. 428-0564.

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755 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS Berkeley

\$2100 **FOUR** bedroom chalet in wooded setting. Offers comfort, style, convenience. Decks, views, wood burning stove. Drive by 1411 Glendale. WMC 993-9580.

\$2850 **GORGEOUS** 5+ bedrooms, 2+ baths near Claremont Hotel and Elmwood. Yard. March 1. 649-1549.

756 El Cerrito & North

\$950 **EL CERRITO** 2 bedrooms unfurnished, fireplace, laundry hook-up. Transportation. 6110 Fresno Ave. 528-5117; 530-3380.

\$1050 **EL CERRITO** comfortable, older 2 bedroom, sharp, carpets, garage, near BART. Non-smoking. Agent 526-9681.

\$1150 **PIÑOLE** 3 bedroom. Family room, sun room, fireplace, quiet, spacious, hill views. Excellent condition. Includes gardener. Call 510-758-1728, leave message.

\$1200 **RICHMOND** View, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large yard, garage. Near shopping. 549-3616.

759 Oakland & Piedmont

760 1 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$400 **KITCHEN**, bedroom, bath, yard, garage. On 3rd Street. 276-9267, between 12-2 p.m. only.

\$750 **ONE** bedroom in Fruitvale District. Sunny, wood floors, alarm. 733-9602.

\$1300 **MONTCLAIR**, Spacious, rustic 1 bedroom plus fireplace, hardwoods. Decks, canyon view. Private. (Agent) 644-2222.

761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$750 **DIMOND** District, Victorian style, laundry, backyard, public transportation, pets okay. 284-7364.

\$850 **UPPER** Oakmore hilltop duplex. Panoramic view. Also 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$1350. 415-387-9813.

\$1275 **NORTH** Oakland renovated bungalow. Two baths, refined hardwoods, storage. 66th/ Telegraph. #54151-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1699 **PIEDMONT**, 2 plus bedrooms. Rent/sale, lowest sale price. Formal dining, yard, garage. 510-836-0190.

\$2400 **SPECTACULAR** Bay view from 2 floors, 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, designer kitchen, 2 car garage. Close to bus and BART. Lease. 486-0110.

762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$825 **LAUREL** District on Maybell. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, washer/dryer. 685-9990.

\$940 **THREE** bedroom, renovated Victorian, large yard. No pets. 1920 Foothill Blvd. 535-0413.

\$1350 **ALMOST** Montclair, near Skyline. Nice yard, garage, 3 baths, great view. CPS/RPM, 339-1642.

\$1475 **HILLS**, Mormon Temple area, 2 bath, private level has bedroom, bath, own entrance. 530-4600.

\$1550 **NEW** home, Leona Heights, country atmosphere, 2 entrances, lake, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, fireplaces, deck, appliances. 510-530-2304; 510-336-0212.

\$1595 **MONTCLAIR**, Wooded setting, 2 baths, bonus room, fireplace. Hardwood floors, red-carpeted. 465-9718, weekdays.

\$1600 **THREE** plus bedroom, 2 bath, vaulted ceiling, fireplace, carpeted, patio, laundry. No pets. 1 year lease. 654-6461.

\$1640 **GLENNVIEW**, Outstanding views, deck over canyon. Hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry hook-up, off-street parking. Water, garbage paid. NO PETS. Available April 1st. Showing Sunday, 1-4. 828 Everett Ave. 482-0653.

\$1875 **CROCKER** Highlands. Spacious, sunny, pretty, traditional, charm. Oak floors, built-ins, fireplace. Breakfast room, yard, garage. Desirable, convenient neighborhood. (510) 869-4234.

\$1750 **SPECTACULAR** Grizzly Peak home with great view. 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, decks, carport. 834-9815, Monday-Friday, 9-5.

\$1795 **GRAND** Lake/Piedmont border house. Sunny, nicely decorated, private redwood deck, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, great for entertaining, quiet street, view of Oakland Hills, close to transportation/shopping. 653-6494; 452-0386.

\$1800 **PIEDMONT** Victorian. Light, spacious, no garage/dogs. 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths. 322 Howard. 452-1063.

\$1850 **MONTCLAIR** Retreat, wooded 3/4 acre, lot, 2 1/2 baths, decks, fireplace, alarm, no dogs. 836-7550.

\$2095 **PIEDMONT**, Bright, spacious, 3 baths. Fireplace, hardwood floors, family room, double garage. Available immediately. Lease. 653-7330, evenings.

\$2100 **PIEDMONT**, Charming! 2 baths, family room, yard, pool, hot tub, filtered view. Agent. 655-4754.

763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$3850 **PIEDMONT** 5 bridge view, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, expansive game room, 2 offices. Wine cellar, workshop, pool, gazebo. 547-8500.

\$1850 **\$2000** Lake Merritt unfurnished/furnished 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Victorian. Washer/dryer. 510-763-5474; 707-965-0801.

\$2400 **MONTCLAIR** 4 bedroom, bright, spacious, contemporary, fireplace, 2 decks, vaulted ceilings, available immediately. 510-376-7640.

\$2500 **CUSTOM**, spacious, beautiful brand new home with 2 fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, wall-to-wall carpet, decks, double enclosed garage. 834-9815, Monday-Friday, 9-5.

\$3500 **PIEDMONT**, Panoramic, 4 bridges view, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, newly remodeled, private setting. 408-653-3595.

SHARE RENTALS

771 Alameda

\$450 **VICTORIAN** Flat. Antique furnished, claw foot tub. Share with professional woman. 865-0159 evenings.

\$475 **THREE** bedroom, spacious Alameda Victorian. Hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry, backyard. No pets. 769-8166.

\$500 **LARGE** room/private bath, beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath Harbor Bay Home. Parking, laundry, yard, part utilities, non-smoking. 510-522-1497.

SHARE room in beautiful Alameda home. Deck, fireplace, maid. Share utilities. More information, John 414-0776.

774 El Cerrito & North

\$350 **FIRST** last No deposit. Share living, kitchen, bath, washer/dryer. Clean, quiet, pleasant. 236-4267.

\$800 **RICHMOND** Marina Bay, share beautiful waterfront 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with professional woman. Clean, non-smoking, gourmet kitchen, deck, garage, laundry, fireplace, 2 cats. 237-1888 after 7 p.m.

775 Emeryville

\$350 **PLUS**, Emeryville. Sunny room in new construction house with quiet, non-smoking, female student, two cats. Great location. 655-1615.

776 Lamorinda & East

\$500 **PLUS** utilities. Gated Orinda home with pool, large bedroom with private access, private 1/2 bath, shared shower, laundry. Non-smoking. Deposit. 510-372-7086.

777 Oakland & Piedmont

\$236 **BIG** house, Oakland Hills, no pets, non-smoking, need car. 530-4769 afternoons/evenings, 482-6107 days.

\$335 **PRIVATE**, sunny room in spacious Oakland Hills home. Lightly furnished. Cute, clean, efficient. 553-9212.

\$350 **SPACIOUS** 2 bedroom apartment with private entrance. Private bath, spectacular Lake view. 451-9800.

\$375 **SEEKING** roommate to share 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom house with two men. Montclair District. Fireplace, deck, canyon views. Shared utilities. Days 415-861-2443; evening 510-338-3083.

\$400 **NEAR** Montclair Village. Room with private bath. Share with 2 ladies. Non-smoking. 625-3122.

\$425 **MASTER** bedroom, large double closet, view, quiet neighborhood, 1/2 block bus, close to Lakeshore shopping, laundry facilities, share kitchen. 465-1958.

\$425 **PLUS** utilities. Share beautiful home off Joaquin Miller Rd., newly remodeled, great view. 482-8257.

\$445 **MONTH**, Cozy 2 bedroom house, large fenced backyard/garden. Washer/dryer. Off Redwood Road. Nordic Track Walkfit. 500+ monthly utilities. Share with female 50+, neat, non-smoking, spiritual with small dog and cat. 482-2136.

\$485 **ROCKRIDGE**, ultraconvenient, BART friendly, sunny, quiet house. Share with two, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, laundry, fireplace, 3 decks. 454-7767.

\$500 **MONTCLAIR** 1 room available. 3 bedroom house. Beautiful view, new paint and laundry. 338-7627.

\$525 **SHARE** large, spacious, quiet Rockridge home/professional woman. Yard, laundry, non-smoking, no pets. 654-5019.

\$550 **AND** \$700. Two rooms available in beautiful, clean Montclair home. Rent includes weekly housecleaning service. Gay friendly. 339-0720.

\$550 **UTILITIES** included, room and private bath in Redwood house near campus, laundry and kitchen privileges. Yard and deck. Bay View. Available March 15th. 644-1349.

\$575 **INCLUDES** utilities, Sequoia Hills. Share spacious, quiet, 5 bedroom home. Adults, cats. Beautiful yard, fireplaces, laundry, cable, security. Non-smoking. No additional pets. 638-8296.

\$580 **PRIVATE** room in house, fully furnished, like new, private bath/entrance. Opens to landscaped backyard with deck, very clean, quiet, 5 minute walk to Rockridge BART. Non-smoking. 652-3755 evenings.

\$595 **PIEDMONT** Pines, 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths, patio, yard, laundry, garage, cabana, smoking household. 339-9778.

\$700 **MONTCLAIR** room for rent with additional office/studio space in large, beautiful home, near Village. Considerate household. 510-338-7818.

PROFESSIONAL, autonomous woman seeks individual to share home in quiet, tree-lined neighborhood. Non-smoking. 652-1884.

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

781 Alameda

OFFICES, 2 terrific suites: 900 sq. ft. with private entrance; 2100 sq. ft. with 800 sq. ft. deck located on the water, private entrance, off-street parking. Alameda Marina, 521-1133.

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CITY OF ALBANY

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed Proposals for the work specified within these Special Provisions entitled:

CITY OF ALBANY

CONTRACT NO. 96-18

1996 CURB RAMP PROJECT

FEDERAL AID PROJECT

NO. STPLMA-5178(003)

will be received at the Office of the City Clerk which is located at: 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California, until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

General work description: The construction of curb access ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter at various locations within the City limits including removal of existing sidewalk, curb and gutter, and other miscellaneous related items as provided for in the official contract documents prepared therefor.

- This project has a goal of ten percent (10%) disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation.

THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project. Bids are required for the entire work described hereafter.

The Contractor shall possess a General Engineering Class A or Concrete Contractor Class C-8 license at the time of Contract Award.

Project plans, special provisions and proposal forms for bidding this project can be obtained at the Office of the Director of Community Development and Environmental Resources, City of Albany, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94704.

Specifications may be obtained for a **NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$20.00 PER SET (\$30.00 if mailed).**

Technical questions should be directed to the City Engineer at Altamira, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc., 3855 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, CA 94553, telephone (510)228-4218.

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond.

The City of Albany hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for award of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 17733 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, the counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations. These wage rates and the Federal minimum wage rates for the project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are hereby incorporated into these special provisions.

Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are hereby incorporated into these special provisions.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements set forth in these special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractor shall pay not less than the higher of the two rates.

The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "Helper" (or other classification based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations.

Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determinations otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall not pay less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

CITY OF ALBANY

By: Randolph W. Leptin, City Engineer

By: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

Dated: January 23, 1997

The Journal February 20, 27, 1997

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-512

The Name of the Business:

Nadya's Beauty Salon, 10823 San Pablo Ave., Richmond, CA 94530.

is registered by the following owner:

Gursham S. Kahlon, 3461 A Sanborn St., Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 24, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1997.

The Journal February 6, 13, 20, 27, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-334

The Name of the Business:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Names of the Business:
1) IBV, 2) Integrated Business Ventures, 3181 Santa Maria Dr., Concord, CA 94518.
Are registered by the following owners:
Edward T. Coward, 3181 Santa Maria Dr., Concord, CA 94518.

These businesses are conducted by individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 23, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 23, 1997.
The Journal February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

Notice Of Trustee's Sale: FCL No. 9578 On Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. of said day outside the Main Entrance to the public library located at #2 Irwin Way, in the City of Orinda, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, California Trust Deeds, Inc., as trustee appointed trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California and described as follows: Commission Address: 2805 & 2810 Florida Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801. A.P.N. 513-025-006 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Mike Lawing, an unmarried man as trustors, dated Aug. 19, 1993 and recorded Aug. 24, 1993 as Document No. 33-226015 Bk. 18870 Pg. 197 in the office of the Contra Costa County Recorder. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid principal balance, obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses and advances is \$83,350.00 You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated August 19, 1993 Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. You Need An Extension Of The Nature Of The Proceeding Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. Dated: February 12, 1997 California Trust Deeds, Inc., 125 12th Street, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94607-4912 (510)444-3200 Herb Lebowitz, Vice President C25385 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 1997
The Journal February 20, 27, March 6, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Lite Wright, Nature's Way, 4222 Goldenhill Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565-6260.

is registered by the following owner:
Veronica C. Peters, 4222 Goldenhill Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565-6260.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 22, 1997.
The Journal February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
MEGAPOLIS, 1184 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Jinda Pan, 5819 Lassen St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 12, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Pacific Time, 4111 E. 12th Ave., Oakville, CA 94526.
is registered by the following owner:
Mitra Ghilasi, 1015 North Oak Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
L & M Services, 522 28th Street, Richmond, CA 94801.
is registered by the following owners:
Mark J. Lewis, 584 Castro St. #348, San Francisco, CA 94114.
Jessie T. Ivey, 5332 Blue Lake Rd., Upper Lake, CA 95450.

Lois L. Arrington, 2451 Church Lane #96, San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
LaRoy Dixon Enterprises, 4425 Fall Ln, Oakley, CA 94561.
is registered by the following owner:
LaRoy Dixon, 4425 Fall Ln, Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 31, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 31, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Almost Vegetarian, 1310 Maple Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
is registered by the following owner:
Karen Coboseno, 1310 Maple Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Golden Rule Management, 6500 Old Crow Canyon Road, Suite 201, San Ramon, CA 94583.
is registered by the following owner:
James M. Drury, 404 Gold Lake St., Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
HONEYMOON, 1300 Galaxy Way, Suite 7, Concord, CA 94520.
is registered by the following owner:
Brandi Ann Viamey Smith, 811 Ryan Place #101, Pleasant Hill, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
A-1 Auto Service, 207 24th St., Richmond, CA 94804.
is registered by the following owner:
Allen R. Crawford, 10 Dorset Place, Mill Valley, CA 94041.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Clean Bros. Cleaning Co., 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
is registered by the following owners:
Oliver Greenleaf, 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.
Daniel Greenleaf, 4230 Harmon Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 29, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 29, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 30, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Names of the Business:
1) M & H Enterprises, 2) Muse Travel, 6067 Arlington Blvd., Richmond Way, 94805.
Are registered by the following owner:
Joyce Elaine Muse, 6067 Arlington Blvd., Richmond Way, 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 24, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 24, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
CV Consulting, 481 Coventry Pl., Danville, CA 94506.
is registered by the following owner:
Drew Seavey, 481 Coventry Pl., Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Denon & Donnelly Locksmith Company, The Party Pros, 1300 Galaxy Way, Ste. 7, Concord, CA 94520.
is registered by the following owner:
Brian Shae Doyle, 1300 Galaxy Way, #7, Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 28, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LORRAINE MARJORIE STECKLER,
aka LORRAINE M. STECKLER
Case Number P97-00271

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LORRAINE MARJORIE STECKLER, aka LORRAINE M. STECKLER

A PETITION has been filed by GILBERT A. PERRY in the Superior Court of California, County of CONTRA COSTA.
THE PETITION REQUESTS THAT GILBERT A. PERRY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests that the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any action without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons who may have a claim or interest in the estate, or be otherwise affected by the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 24, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. in Dept. 51, Room 8001 located at 625 Court Street, Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: ROBERT R. OUTIS, ROBERT R. OUTIS, APC, 1320 Solano Ave., Ste. 102, Albany, CA 94706. The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
The Old Forge Press, 425 Honeycuck Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3237, San Ramon, CA 94583.
is registered by the following owners:
Roy Marcot, 425 Honeycuck Lane, San Ramon, CA 94583.

Paul Goodwin, 229 E. 4th Street, Newport, KY 41071.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on or about January 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 4, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Karyne Impulse, 3538 Brook St., Lafayette, CA 94549. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 849, Lafayette, CA 94549-0849.
is registered by the following owners:
Karyn JoAnn Thornton, 3538 Brook Street, Lafayette, CA 94549-0849.

Jeane M. 4954 Stoneridge Ct., Oakland, CA 94605.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Apogee International, 2235 Soenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Faith Schwartz, 2235 Soenic Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 19, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 19, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Kath-Ken Assoc, 643 Bountty Dr., Bay Point, CA 94561.
is registered by the following owner:
Kathryn Metz, 643 Bountty Dr., Bay Point, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 7, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 7, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Sunflower Patch Family Day Care, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Claudia Liz Dorcas, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 18, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Sunflower Patch Family Day Care, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Claudia Liz Dorcas, 6558 Schmidt Lane, #A, El Cerrito, 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 18, 1997.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Bunch Investigations, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.
is registered by the following owners:
Kirk B. Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.

Margaret Bunch, 5042 Claremont Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 16, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 16, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Tool Mechanic Service, 835 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
is registered by the following owner:
Anthony O'Leary, 836 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
AD-NET Services, 717 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94553.
is registered by the following owner:
Lindsay K. Elam, 717 McLaughlin St., Richmond, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 27, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 27, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
T.W. Bell Enterprises, P.O. Box 5335, Bay Point, CA 94565.
is registered by the following owner:
Thomas Wayne Bell, 816 Dabovich Cir., Bay Point, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 28, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 28, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
MP Enterprises, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553-5568.
is registered by the following owners:
Howard Perdue, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553.
Robert Mills, 330 Bentley Court, Pacheco, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 6, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 6, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Basker Babies, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553.
is registered by the following owner:
Anna Liza G. Price, 119 Hale Court, Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 3, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 3, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
East Co. Co. Records, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520.
is registered by the following owner:
Ryan Mitchell Wood, 233 Sussex St., Concord, CA 94520.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 5, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
Dazzling Designs, 29 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526.
is registered by the following owner:
Diane Marie Nagy, 29 Cedar Hollow Dr., Danville, CA 94526.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on January 1, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:
E.M. West, 1360 Ruggler Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
is registered by the following owner:
Margaret E. Henke, 1360 Ruggler Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on February 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on February 12, 1997.
The Journal February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 1997.

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LAVADA LOWE WALKER
Case Number P97-00273

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LAVADA LOWE WALKER.

A PETITION has been filed by JAMARA AL QATARR ALJISHLAH, aka ANNA M. WALKER, in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa.

THE PETITION requests that JAMARA AL QATARR ALJISHLAH, aka ANNA M. WALKER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 18, 1997 at 11 a.m. in Dept. 51, Room 8001, located at 625 Court St., Martinez, CA 94553.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in section 1250 of the California Probate Code. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: JAMARA AL Qatarr Aljishlah, 3406 Florida Ave., Richmond, CA 94804. The Journal, February 27, March 6, 13, 1997.

Hill

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which was approved by just over 60 percent of Albany voters last November, provides the city with approximately \$465,000 per year to buy open space, restore creeks and purchase recreational playfields, with half going to the hill and 25 percent each for creeks and playfields.

After conversations with four out of Albany's five council members, it is clear that, in these early stages, no consensus exists on what course of action to pursue.

"At this point it's not clear to me what we must do," Mayor Bob Good said last week. "We're facing many questions and I don't know what the answer is."

"The main thing is we have to look carefully at what's available," said Councilmember Peggy Thomsen, adding that property negotiations can be a fairly lengthy process. "I want the most for the least amount of money."

Councilmember Bruce Mast, who said at the last public meeting on the issue he would prefer to see no new houses on the hill, also seems to be searching for an ideal road to take.

"With anything like this, there's a balancing act between idealism and pragmatism," Mast said, pointing to the hill as a haven for plants and animals which should be preserved. "We